

3 Presentation of officer reports

3.1 2023-24 Annual Community Strengthening Grant Allocations

Executive Summary

Purpose

To present recommended grant allocations for the 2023-24 Annual Community Strengthening Grants (Annual Grants) and 2023-24 Climate Action Plan Grants to the Services Delegated Committee for endorsement.

Background

Annual Grants funds projects and equipment costs associated with the delivery of new one-off services, programs and activities that strengthen the Boroondara community. Annual Grants also address key priorities in the Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31.

There are six streams in the Annual Grants program:

- Healthy Community
- Sustainable Community
- Creative Community,
- Vibrant Retail Precincts
- Active Community
- Life-long Community.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to eligible organisations for both the Annual and Climate Action Grants.

The Climate Action Grants are an action in Council's Climate Action Plan. Grants are available to eligible organisations for projects, services, programs and activities that strengthen the community's capacity to reduce emissions, and/or adapt to the impacts of climate change.

The Climate Action Grants were offered for the first time in 2023-24.

Key Issues

1. Annual Grants

The funding pool for the 2023-24 Annual Community Strengthening Grants (including the Small Grants) is \$534,585, which includes an allocation of \$318,185 from Council and a contribution of \$216,400 from the Rotary Club of Balwyn.

The 2023-24 Small Grants have been processed and \$131,459.25 was allocated in July 2023, leaving \$403,125.75 available for the 2023-24 Annual Grants.

Eighty-seven (87) applications were received for the 2023-24 Annual Grant round, which is 33 more than in 2022. Seven of the applicants were new to the grants program. Of the 87 applications received, 85 applications were assessed, one application was ineligible and one was withdrawn. One application for Vibrant Retail Precincts was assessed but subsequently withdrawn.

Full or partial funding totalling \$393,267.65 is recommended for 78 applications. All recommended allocations, including project summaries, are listed in **Attachment 2**.

Officers recommend that remaining funds (\$9,838.10) from the Annual Community Strengthening Grants be rolled over to the 2024-25 Annual Community Strengthening Grants.

2. Climate Action Grants

Funding for the Climate Action Plan Grants is allocated from the 2023-24 \$1 million budget for the Climate Action Plan.

There was one application for the Climate Action Plan Grants, which was recommended for full funding of \$9,951.90. The recommended allocation, including the project summary, is listed in **Attachment 4**.

Confidentiality

Confidential information is contained in **Attachments 1 and 3**, as circulated in the confidential section of the agenda. The information in these attachments is deemed to be confidential in accordance with Section 66(2)(a) and the definition of 'confidential information' in Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020. The information relates to personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

If discussion of the confidential information in the attachments to this report is required for Council to make a decision, Council may resolve to discuss the matter in a confidential session or to defer the matter to the confidential section of the agenda.

Officers' recommendation

That the Services Delegated Committee resolve to:

1. Endorse the 2023-24 Annual Community Strengthening Grants (Annual Grants) funding as listed in Attachment 2 annexed to this report.
2. Endorse the 2023-24 Climate Action Plan Grants funding as listed in Attachment 4, annexed to this report.
3. Roll over the \$9,838.10 remaining funds to the 2024-25 Annual Community Strengthening Grants program.

Responsible director: **Kate McCaughey, Director Community Support**

1. Purpose

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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, tackling climate change and its impacts on health, and increasing active living will also be contributed to through these projects.

Policy context

Council adopted an updated Community Strengthening Grants Policy 2023 in February this year. The Policy outlines funding allocation parameters for the 2023-24 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 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, Climate Action Plan, Children and Young People Action Plan, Boroondara Reconciliation Strategy 2022-26 and the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2016-21.

The Climate Action Grants are a new category of grant within the Community Strengthening Grants Policy 2023 and are available for the first time in 2023-24.

3. Background

Program overview

The Annual Community Strengthening Grants Program provides 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:

- Healthy Community
- Sustainable Community
- Creative Community
- Vibrant Retail Precincts
- Active Community
- Life-long Community

Assessment and review process

Council officers assessed all applications based on the criteria outlined in the program guidelines and provided advice to the Community Strengthening Grants Review 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%).

To ensure recommendations for funding of similar projects were fair and equitable, a standard amount was allocated by officers to these budget items/areas across all streams in the Annual Grants, as outlined in Table 1. This resulted in some applications being recommended for partial funding.

Table 1

Budget item/area	Cap	Further detail
Catering of events	\$32 per head	One event per group
Excursions /Outings	\$33 per head	One excursion per group
Activities that encourage healthy ageing	\$30 per head	Multiple activities per group
Computers and devices	Limit of \$1300	

The Panel met on Tuesday 1 August, Thursday 3 August and Tuesday 8 August to review these recommendations and the ratings. Officer recommendations are based on the merits of each application, the application of program guidelines and an analysis of the financial investment against the potential community benefits from the project.

The Panel provided feedback on the officer recommendations.

The Panel comprised three Councillors (Sinfield, Parke, Stavrou and Hollingsworth as a supplementary representative for one meeting) and two Rotary Club of Balwyn representatives. The Panel met without the Rotary Club representatives to discuss the Climate Action Grant. 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 meeting dates and attendees is listed in **Confidential Attachment 1**.

4. Outline of key issues/options

4.1 Annual Grants

The funding pool for the 2023-24 Annual Community Strengthening Grants (including the Small Grants) is \$534,585, which includes an allocation of \$318,185 from Council and a contribution of \$216,400 from the Rotary Club of Balwyn.

In line with the Boroondara Community Strengthening Grants Policy, 75% of the Annual Community Strengthening Grants allocation is provisionally allocated to Annual Grants up to \$10,000, which is \$400,938.75 in 2023-24. The 2023-24 Small Grants have been processed and \$131,459.25 was allocated in July 2023, which means that \$403,125.75 is available for the 2023-24 Annual Grants.

Eighty-seven (87) applications were received for the 2023-24 Annual Grant round, which is 33 more than in 2022. Seven of the applicants were new to the grants program. One application was ineligible, and one was withdrawn. One application for Vibrant Retail Precincts was assessed though subsequently withdrawn. Full or partial funding totalling \$393,267.65 is recommended for 78 applications.

Between 2020 and 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the number of applications to the Annual Community Strengthening Grants (including the Small Grants) program, as organisations were unable to deliver programs or activities, or already funded projects were delayed. Fewer applications were received and less funds allocated, resulting in funding being unexpended. The current round of Annual Grants is the first since 2019-2020 where demand for funds has exceeded the funds available.

Table 2 below shows the demand for the Annual Grants compared to the funds available. Groups requested \$125,301.45 more than the amount available.

Table 2

Applications Received	Total amount requested	Funds available	Difference
87	\$528,427.20	\$403,125.75	\$125,301.45

Officers have recommended a total allocation of \$393,287.65 to support 78 of the 87 applications across six streams, as shown in Table 3 below. Of these, 40 applications were recommended for full funding and 38 applications were recommended for partial funding. All recommended allocations, including project summaries, are listed in **Attachment 2**.

One application was deemed ineligible because it did not meet the eligibility criteria, two applications were withdrawn, and six applications were not recommended for funding by the Panel. These applications are listed in **Confidential Attachment 3**.

Table 3

Stream	Number of applications	Recommended for full funding	Recommended for partial funding	Not recommended
Active Community	16	10	6	0
Life-Long Community	19	6	10	3
Creative Community	17	9	7	1
Healthy Community	25	10	12	3 (1 ineligible)
Sustainable Community	2	2	0	0
Vibrant Retail Precincts	8	3	3	2 withdrawn
Total	87	40	38	9

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.

Table 4 below shows the allocation of funds across both the Small Grants and Annual Grants for 2023-24. Officers recommend that remaining funds (\$9,838.10) from the Annual Community Strengthening Grants be rolled over to the 2024-25 Annual Community Strengthening Grants.

Table 4

Grant Program	Annual allocation
Small Grants allocation	\$131,459.25
Annual Grants recommendations	\$393,287.65
Total	\$524,746.90
2023-24 Total Funding Pool	\$534,585.00
<i>Remaining Funds</i>	<i>\$9,838.10</i>

4.2 Climate Action Grants

Funding for the Climate Action Plan Grants is an allocation from the 2023-24 budget for the Climate Action Plan. Up to \$40,000 is available from the \$1 million allocation to fund Climate Action Grants.

Officers have recommended a funding allocation consistent with Council's strategic objectives and priorities, which will deliver outcomes in alignment with the Climate Action Grant objectives, as noted earlier in the report.

Officers have recommended a total allocation of \$9,951.90 to support the one application received. The recommendation was reviewed by the Panel of Councillors without the involvement of the Rotary Club representatives, as noted above. The recommended allocation is listed in **Attachment 4**.

5. Consultation/communication

The 2023-24 Annual Grants and 2023-24 Climate Action Plan Grants were promoted through:

- The Fuse e-newsletter
- Boroondara Creative Network e-newsletter
- the Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre 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 four Annual Grant 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

As noted earlier, the funding pool for the 2023-24 Annual Community Strengthening Grants (including the Small Grants) is \$534,585, which includes an allocation of \$318,185 from Council and a contribution of \$216,400 from the Rotary Club of Balwyn. 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 \$131,459.25 was allocated to the 2023-24 Small Grants. From the \$403,125.75 available, it is recommended \$393,287.65 be allocated to support 78 applications, with the remaining funds of \$9,838.10 being allocated to the 2024-25 Annual Community Strengthening Grants.

The funding pool for the Climate Action Grants is \$40,000 from Council's 2023-24, \$1 million Climate Action Plan allocation. From the \$40,000 available, it is recommended a \$9,951.90 be allocated to support the one application, with the remaining funds of \$30,048.10 to be allocated to alternate Climate Action Plan actions.

7. Governance issues

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have a general or material conflict of interest requiring disclosure under chapter 5 of the Governance Rules of Boroondara City Council.

The recommendation contained in this report is compatible with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006 as it does not raise any human rights issues.

8. Social and environmental issues

The outcomes from the 78 Annual Grant and one Climate Action Grant applications recommended for funding will have a positive social and environmental impact within the Boroondara community, which is particularly important as the community continues to recover from COVID-19.

The recommended applications will support a range of activities and resources, which will enhance community inclusion, promote environmental awareness, climate action, 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: Traci Alchin, Development Officer - Grants and Partnership

Attachment 2 2023/24 Annual Grants - Recommended

Organisation Name	Project Title	Project Description / Equipment Purchase	Recommendation	Conflict of Interest	Stream
1 3MBS Melbourne 103.5FM (Music Broadcasting Society of Victoria Limited)	English Music Festival in Australia presented by 3MBS Melbourne 103.5FM	3MBS funding is requested to produce a three-day 'English Music Festival in Australia 2024' (EMFA) on 23-25 August 2024 at Auburn Uniting Church, Hawthorn. Event is part of the Made in Melbourne 2024 major events program.	\$7,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
2 Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning	Ashy News	Funding is requested to support the collaboration of four organisations in Ashburton: Ashburton Community Centre, Craig Family Centre, Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning and the Ashburton Shopping Centre Association Inc. to plan and deliver activities collectively and to promote these activities via the production of a newsletter, to be called the Ashy News.	\$6,930.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Healthy Community
3 Ashburton United Soccer Club	Let's hear it for the girls	Funding is requested to support the club's strategy to attract and introduce more female players, coaches, referees and volunteers. This will be facilitated by the employment of a female Technical Director to oversee and grow the girls' and women's program at the club, purchase new equipment, production of promotion material and advertising and Come and Try days.	\$4,554.54	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Sport
4 Auburn Village Traders Association	Christmas in the Village	Funding is sought to create a pre Christmas shopping experience on Saturday 9th December 2023. Businesses would be offering refreshments, discounts and promotions, and the street would come alive with a festive feel with Christmas music, roaming artists, face painters and balloonist. The musicians, performers and face painters will be performing on Auburn Road and Burwood Road.	\$8,950.16	No conflict of interest declared.	Vibrant Retail Precincts
5 AVA Boroondara Senior Citizens Group Inc.	Connection and Celebration Christmas in July 2024	Funding is requested to hold a Christmas in July 2024 event to enhance the connection of older people to the community. The event aims to increase their mental health and wellbeing through providing opportunities to learn, practice and perform their cultural activities, their skills and sharing their culture with others. The project promotes the social cohesion of older Boroondara residents and diverse multicultural groups including Israeli Dancing Group, Kew Home of Chinese, Australian, Vietnamese, Indonesian Victoria, Indonesian of Melbourne.	\$2,872.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community

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6	Balwyn Evergreen Centre	Healthy Life at Evergreen	Funding is requested to host two events to promote and enable seniors to enjoy healthy lives at Evergreen. ↑ 1. Family Day in March: Various intergeneration activities including face painting, group exercise to music, treasure hunt, Tai Chi etc. will be held on the lawn of the playground in front of the BEC. BBQ, cakes, coffee and tea will be served. ↑ 2. Open Day in October: The event will celebrate the Victorian Seniors Festival and showcase our various exercise classes and social support groups that people can participate in. High Tea and entertainments including singers and choir performance will be provided.	\$5,571.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community
7	Boroondara Brass Incorporated	Celebrating 25 Years of Boroondara Brass Incorporated	Funding is requested to support the necessary preparation for celebration activities to mark Boroondara Brass' 25th anniversary in 2025. Proposed activities include a feature event, where we aim to premier new works that honour our organisation's history and long-standing members. Additionally, funding is sought for a new, formal uniform for members.	\$8,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
8	Boroondara Stroke Support Group Incorporated	Need for ongoing support for stroke survivors and carers	Funding is requested to run the following programs for stroke survivors and their carers - Cooking Group x 10 sessions - Sing for Recovery - Stroke survivors and Carers Group	\$9,772.72	No conflict of interest declared.	Healthy Community
9	Burwood Cricket Club Inc	History of the Burwood Cricket Club	Funding is requested to assist with the club's 150 year celebration event and research by a professional historian into the history of the club. The Burwood Cricket Club has raised \$14,000 for the project. Additional funds are required to assist with the presentation of an event to celebrate the 150 year landmark and to complete the research and presentation of an on-line history.	\$8,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
10	Burwood Village Traders Association	Burwood Village Oktoberfest	Funding is requested to support the delivery of the Burwood Village Oktoberfest. The proposed festival is a weekend of street celebration to mark the completion of the Myrning Road Bollard Project. Oktoberfest aims to be cultural festival full of music, food and family activities with free and low-cost events encouraging the community to walk down, connect and enjoy the food and atmosphere.	\$10,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Vibrant Retail Precincts

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11	Camberwell Chorale Incorporated	Camberwell Chorale 80th Anniversary Concert	Funding is requested to support Camberwell Chorale's 80th Anniversary Concert in October 2024 at Hawthorn Arts Centre. ↑ Funding is also requested to purchase a laptop to assist with forward planning, scheduling, documentation and print-ready artwork for marketing collateral.	\$7,053.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
12	Camberwell Hockey Club	Equipment Purchase/ Consumables	Funding is requested to create a garden that can be enjoyed by both the public along the Anniversary Trail, our neighbours and club members. Plant selection has prioritised with native and drought tolerant plants that will flower throughout the year providing year round interest. Club colours have been used as the inspiration behind the colour palette embracing lots of dark purples (for blue) and orange/yellows. The garden would make this unused corner of the club a delight for neighbours, Boroondara residents and club members alike. ↑	\$8,636.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Recreation
13	Camberwell United Tennis Club Inc	Equipment Purchase/ Consumables	Funding is requested to purchase a BeefEater 1200 Series - 5 Burner Stainless Steel BBQ with Side Burner \$1,408	\$1,408.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Recreation
14	Canterbury and District Preschool Inc	Nature, Art & Community: Creating a Mural	Funding is requested to engage a contemporary Melbourne mural artist to transform the 'blank canvas' of a recently constructed, rendered brick wall in the children's outdoor play space into an uplifting, joyful and engaging mural and garden. The mural will include themes of local plants, animals, healthy ecosystems and will honour the First Nations Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which the kinder is located. The aim is that the mural will provide inspiration and joy to the CDPS children and families, other users of the Surrey Hills/Guildford Road hub, and the wider community.	\$6,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Children and Families
15	Canterbury Area Toy Library Inc.	Supporting learning through play in the pre-school years	Funding is requested to improve the availability of resources for pre-school children in the local community by offering more of the toy library's most popular items suitable for children 6 months to 3 years old. ↑ Funding would be used to purchase educational toys that support and encourage physical activity, large toys and resources that are difficult to store at home such as slides, and large play sets and experiences that can be enjoyed by the entire family to foster positive parent/child interactions (construction, puzzles, imaginary play).	\$5,003.57	No conflict of interest declared.	Children and Families

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16	Canterbury Cobras Junior Football Club	Coaching Mentorship	Funding is requested for the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coach Mentoring program from our Footy Director during pre season to prepare existing coaches and recruit new volunteers - The planning and delivery of the Coach the Coach program for the Canterbury Cobras Junior Football Club and holiday fun based clinics. - Equipping them with essential equipment and providing suitable attire as a club uniform. 	\$4,348.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Sport
17	Cara Armstrong Kindergarten	Encouraging CAK kids to use their Nudel	Funding is requested to purchase a Nudel Kart. The Nudel Kart is a deconstructable, mobile play kart that creates an environment to support children to learn foundation skills such as self-regulation, growth mindset, social skills, creativity and problem solving. Funding is also sought for training sessions/workshops on the kart for two educators and multiple learning incursions for each of the classes hosted by the resource provider.	\$6,729.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Children and Families
18	Chinese Seniors Cultural Association Inc	Chinese New Year Performance and BBQ	Funding is requested to deliver Chinese New Year Performance and BBQ event. 2024 - Year of the Dragon project will organise and implement a special concert that will include 10 acts. Performances will include Taijiquan sword performance and Chinese Wushu. There will be a BBQ at the end of the performances for members and guests.	\$2,470.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community
19	Combined Probus Club of Auburn (Vic) Inc.	Cultural Visits Assistance	Funding is requested to subsidise bus hire for one member outing during 2024.	\$1,500.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community
20	Craig Family Centre	Project Bright Brains	Funding is requested to re-establish an in-centre, volunteer-based out-of-school 'Homework Club' that will provide academic and social support, deliver a school holiday program of cooking and craft classes and organise an end-of-year student stall at the centre's community market. These programs and events will create an inclusive, stimulating and safe learning environment to help increase academic success, foster social connections and improve overall wellbeing for young people in Years 1 to 8 from migrant, refugee and low-income families living in or around Ashburton.	\$3,785.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Healthy Community
21	Dance for Parkinson's (Neurobalance)	Qigong for Neurobalance - A Taste of The Meridians	Funding is requested to hold a Qigong workshop open to Boroondara's diverse multicultural community including catering at HALC followed by a refresher dance class incorporating Qigong techniques and catering later in the year.	\$1,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Healthy Community

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22	Davis Street Kindergarten	Davis Street Kindergarten Community First Nations Mural Project	To acknowledge the Davis Street Kindergarten's 65th birthday, funding is sought to engage a First Nations artist to create a mural for display on the front facade of the building, in the Davis Street Reserve gardens. Children, families and staff will work in collaboration with the artist to create a vision for the mural.	\$3,900.01	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
23	East Camberwell Tennis Club Inc	Equipment Purchase/ Consumables	Funding is requested to purchase seven new bench seats for tennis courts made out of recycled plastic	\$2,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Recreation
24	Electrify Boroondara Alliance	Electrify Boroondara-Mandarin engagement	The Electrify Boroondara Alliance has produced two brochures to assist our community to transition to efficient electric appliances, improve the energy efficiency of their homes and consider rooftop solar and electrified transport. To help us engage with Mandarin speakers in our community, we seek funding to translate and print these materials in Mandarin.	\$999.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Sustainable Community
25	Football Club United of Melbourne Incorporated (Trading as Alamein FC)	Online Membership Management	Funding is requested to implement a single platform to manage fees, communication and scheduling of pitches and games. The club also plans to run clinics for children, people with special needs and parents over the coming twelve months. This platform will allow for the advertising and more effective management of these events.	\$2,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Sport
26	Glen Iris Cricket Club	Gala Evening to celebrate Glen Iris Cricket Club 100th anniversary	Funding is requested to hold a Gala Evening in celebration of the Glen Iris Cricket Club's 100th anniversary in December 2023. It is also proposed to conduct a children and new players 'Have a go' session in November 2023 leading up to the Gala event. Both events are open to the general public and the Boroondara community.	\$5,888.38	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Sport
27	Hartwell Association of Residents and Traders	2023/24 Promotional Campaign	Funding is requested to deliver a social media program promoting the Hartwell Shopping Centre including social media postings/advertising , printing and distribution of flyers and posters, purchase of banners to be used in promotional activities and Hartwell Shopping Centre bags.	\$7,500.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Vibrant Retail Precincts
28	Hawthorn Basketball Association/HAWTHORN MAGIC BASKETBALL CLUB	Coaching Accreditation	Funding is requested to upskill 30 coaches (19 x Club Coaching Certificate and 11 x Community Coach certificate) to become accredited as required by Basketball Victoria's compliancy. This will enable them to provide the 260 plus players of the club with an exciting and enjoyable journey with basketball as they learn the aspects of the game, teamwork and community effort.	\$3,979.28	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Recreation

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29	Hawthorn Bowling Club Inc	Anzac Community Bowling Championship	Funding is requested to host a six-day community bowling Anzac Championship in April 2024 at the Hawthorn Bowling Club. The championship includes new, existing and re-established tournaments, with participation and support from club members, clubs in Boroondara and the region, New Zealand guests and the public.	\$6,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Recreation
30	Hawthorn Citizens' Youth Club Inc	Shadow Cut Youth Dance Company 2024	Funding is requested to enable the Hawthorn Citizen's Youth Club to perform an innovative contemporary dance show to the community providing a valuable performance opportunity to the youth of Boroondara. The club will also collaborate with other youths to assist in costume design, building of sets and props, theatrical component of the show such as lighting, backstage management, videography and photography.	\$7,903.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
31	Hawthorn Glen Combined Probus Club	30th Anniversary of Hawthorn Glen Combined Probus Club	Funding is requested to hold an event to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the establishment of the Hawthorn Glen Combined Probus Club. A two course luncheon at which the Mayor and the President of the Balwyn Rotary Club will be invited will include entertainment by a renowned Australian Bush Balladeer. The full history of our Club will also be featured as part of a multi-media presentation.	\$3,142.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community
32	Highgate Early Learning Centre	Highgate's Collaborative Art Painting with Glenn Loughrey	<p>Funding is requested to engage Wiradjuri artist, Glenn Loughrey to create a collaborative painting with the children and Highgate staff.</p> <p>The grant funding would be used for two major parts. Firstly, a professional fee as Glenn will spend numerous hours spreading across different months working with the Highgate stakeholders. Secondly, the funding would be used to purchase materials needed for the painting and supplementary educational resources for staff and children to utilise in their educational program.</p>	\$3,592.14	No conflict of interest declared.	Children and Families

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33	HORIZONTES PROJECTS WITH THE COMMUNITY PTY LTD	Sustainability Matters: Inspiring Change at Belle Vue's Primary School	Funding is requested to conduct eight workshops at Belle Vue Primary School on climate change, kitchen garden, waste reduction, and recycling for students and school staff. The funds would cover materials and the fees of the professional responsible for planning and conducting the workshops. ↑ Funding is also requested to produce five educational videos in collaboration with the sustainability leaders at Belle Vue primary school. The allocated budget would cover the costs of recording and editing the materials. ↑ The funding would also support social media marketing and design activities associated with the project.	\$5,588.00	No conflict of interest declared.	
34	It's the Little Things Community Ltd	Providing meals for the vulnerable within Boroondara	Its the Little Things Community is seeking funding to purchase ingredients to produce and supply meals to Camcare over a 12mth period.	\$10,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Healthy Community
35	JJ McMahon Memorial Kindergarten	Indigenous Education Project: Enhancing Cultural Understanding in Early Childhood	Funding is requested for three components for a holistic 'Indigenous Education Project' at JJ McMahon Kindergarten. Firstly, it will support the engagement of an external Indigenous education organisation to conduct incursion sessions for our 3-year-old and 4-year-old classes. Secondly, educational products, including toys, books, and collaborative card games will be purchased to enhance children's understanding of Indigenous history and culture. Lastly, the grant funding will facilitate professional development courses for our teachers and educators, enabling them to develop cultural confidence and effectively incorporate Aboriginal perspectives into our curriculum.	\$4,241.80	No conflict of interest declared.	Children and Families
36	Kew Croquet Club	Equipment Purchase/ Consumables	Funding is requested to purchase a large digital screen, soundbar, freestanding support for soundbar, safety straps, Chromecast and an HDMI cable.	\$1,967.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Recreation
37	Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc	Kew Cart on the Go	Funding is requested to expand the Kew Cart experience. The Kew Cart is a literal cart and wheels initiative that allows our customer service students to sell items made by our program participants to the broader Boroondara community. This project proposal aims to increase the current retail activity, as well as develop a tandem online click and collect store.	\$6,289.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Healthy Community

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38	Kew Philharmonic Society	Un Caleidoscopio Sonoro: Spanish Medieval Music	Funding is requested to support the concert Un Caleidoscopio Sonoro: Spanish Medieval Music. The performance surveys the kaleidoscopic soundscape of Spanish medieval music, from pilgrimage hymns to the Virgin Mary, to Arab-Andalusian songs and the expressive laments of the Sephardic Jews expelled from Spain in 1492. The background to this music is the complex mix of religions and cultures, all jostling for primacy in Spain between the fall of the Roman Empire and the establishment of the Spanish monarchy a thousand years later. This concert would be a sequel to the successful 'Fiesta Barroca' concert in June 2022.	\$8,070.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
39	Kew Toy Library	Stay and Play at Kew Toy Library	Kew Toy Library wishes to hold 'Stay and Play' sessions for preschool aged children in Boroondara for 37 weeks over a 12 month period. These sessions will run for 2 hours at the toy library and will be available to everyone in the community, free-of-charge. The funds will be allocated to staffing these sessions plus purchasing a range of new toys and resources for pre-schoolers to be used in the sessions. Each session will have a theme to focus on, such as sensory play, music, cause and effect, imaginative, role play and will aim to aid in healthy child development.	\$9,258.10	No conflict of interest declared.	Children and Families
40	Life Activities Club Boroondara Inc	Equipment Purchase/ Consumables	Funding is requested to purchase a laptop.	\$1,170.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community
41	Melbourne Hindustani Classical Music Society	MHCMS concerts 2024	Funding is requested to request to host five-part music festival events at Methodist Ladies College in April, June, August, October and December 2024.† The events will provide local artists with frequent opportunities to showcase their music to appreciative and larger audiences than we have been able to cater to-date.	\$6,600.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
42	Men's Probus Club of Surrey Hills Inc	Equipment Purchase/ Consumables	Funding is requested to purchase a laptop.	\$1,319.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community
43	Mind Australia	Active Body Healthy Mind	Funding is requested to provide supportive opportunities for Boroondara residents experiencing severe mental illness/isolation to increase exercise, get outdoors, and to understand the connection between physical and mental health. It includes offering psychoeducation around how increased exercise, nutrition and spending time outdoors connecting with others can have profound impacts on mental health and relapse prevention. It will be a peer-led space, where people with a lived experience of mental illness/recovery will lead others within the community of Boroondara. The project will re-engage residents with local community and provide low-income earners and those with a disability the opportunity to improve their physical health.	\$8,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Healthy Community

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44	North Balwyn Baseball Club	Equipment Purchase/ Consumables	Funding is requested to purchase the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One All-Star AFX Women's Catcher's Set - Five Dozen Easton STB 9in RIB Synthetic Leather Baseballs - One Bazooka Junior Baseball & Softball Pitching Machine - Five Dozen Bazooka Junior Machine Balls - Five new protective netting for batting nets 	\$2,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Sport
45	North Balwyn Village Traders Inc	Equipment Purchase/ Consumables	Funding is requested for re-installation of the tree guards, the creation of 25 footpath decals to complement the tree guards and new stickers to be affixed to the tree guard panels in North Balwyn Village.	\$5,396.67	No conflict of interest declared.	Vibrant Retail Precincts
46	Pied Piper Toy Library	Access to Toys for supporting Important Skills through play	Funding is requested to purchase toys to expand the library's range of toys, which play a important part in supporting all families, particularly lower income families in the Boroondara community. Access to toys such as coding, Montessori, pretend play and STEM support children learn important skills through play.	\$6,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Children and Families
47	Probus Club of Camberwell Inc.	Moving to Music	Funding is requested to deliver a program including gentle exercises (seated or standing, with use of walkers where necessary), Zumba Gold or line dancing. At the conclusion of the class, morning tea would be served, allowing time for fellowship. Those not able to engage in some activities, can watch and enjoy the music.	\$2,862.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community
48	Probus Club of Greythorn Inc	Living better - enjoying it more	Funding is requested to provide the following activities for members to complement the monthly general meetings and range of small group activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - two all-of-club membership lunches at a venue different from normal monthly meetings to ensuring maximum participation of members - a major outing open to as large a proportion of membership as possible (e.g. Geelong/Port Arlington Ferry and activities in the area); - attracting a wider range of speakers and contributors to club meetings and group activities - production of materials for distribution within Boroondara to inform over 55s about Probus clubs in the area to ensure their sustainability. 	\$3,800.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community
49	Probus Club of Kew	Membership Strengthening	Funding is requested for three guest speakers to present to the club's monthly meetings and a contribution toward the annual Christmas lunch, which is the major social event for the year.	\$1,200.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community

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50	Probus Club of Maling Combined Inc	Celebratory Dinner plus excursion to three country gardens surrounding Neerim	Funding is requested to provide catering for the end of year meeting celebrating another successful and rewarding year, during which the 300th meeting was held, and to hire a coach to visit three beautiful gardens in the Neerim district.	\$3,171.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community
51	Probus Club of North Balwyn Heights	Bus Trip & Christmas Lunch	Funding is requested to provide catering for Christmas lunch and coach hire.	\$3,632.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community
52	Probus Club of Port Phillip	Equipment Purchase/ Consumables	Funding is requested to purchase a laptop, software and installation and set up computer.	\$1,200.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community
53	Rajasthani Kutumb of Victoria Inc.	Gangaur 2024	Funding is requested to support delivery of the Gangaur festival. Gangaur is one of the most important festivals of the people of Rajasthan. The festival will include a number of workshops including Turban tying, palm reading, art and craft, jewellery & clothing stalls.	\$5,500.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
54	Red Nose	Red Nose Wellbeing Sessions	Funding is requested to run Red Nose Wellbeing Sessions, which will provide bereaved parents with opportunities to connect with those who understand their grief through activities that promote healthy grieving, mindful practices, and social connectedness.	\$5,350.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Healthy Community
55	Robert Cochrane Kindergarten Inc	Design and create an indigenous mural	Funding is sought to design and create an Indigenous mural at the Robert Cochrane Kindergarten to promote cultural awareness and inclusivity. This project will engage the broader community and local Indigenous artists, providing a learning opportunity about local Aboriginal history and culture, fostering unity, and enhancing the visual environment.	\$6,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Children and Families
56	Scope (Aust) Ltd	Kaleidoscope Hawthorn	Kaleidoscope Hawthorn seeks funding to conduct six workshops/mentoring sessions led by established artists with disabilities, who will pass on their knowledge to teach and mentor each participating artist and to host an exhibition at Hawthorn Arts Centre to showcase the work of the artists to the Boroondara community.	\$9,329.07	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
57	Servants Community Housing Limited	For The Love of Good	For The Love of Good is a community engagement project. Servants Community Housing is seeking funding to extend their current beekeeping program to enable the program to become self-sustaining. Activities include engaging residents in regenerative farming, gardening, and sustainable beekeeping practice, leading to local-made, organic products for sale in the community.	\$8,752.47	No conflict of interest declared.	Healthy Community

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58	St Stephens Greythorn Cricket Club	Equipment Purchase/ Consumables	Funding is requested to purchase playing polo shirts, bag and club hoodie for aspiring new players, many from low income, migrant backgrounds. With the club uniform, they will feel connected and develop a sense of belonging to a broader network in their Boroondara community.	\$1,376.37	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Sport
59	St. Oswald's Anglican Church, Glen Iris	Murnong First Nations Activities Program	Funding is requested for a new initiative for a 12-month program of regular activities to engage local First Nations men, women and children. ↑ Activities will include yarnning, language, crafts, wellbeing, food, and healthy eating, as well as greater understanding of their history and local language. ↑ The activities will include Aboriginal children at Ashburton and other local Boroondara schools and be led by local Elders such as Uncle Shane Charles, and other community leaders at the Murnong First Nations Gathering Place in Glen Iris.	\$8,629.27	No conflict of interest declared.	Healthy Community
60	Surrey Hills Historical Society Incorporated	Protecting our collection and volunteers	The Society is moving from the Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre, setting up under its own auspices in a new location. The new location provides the opportunity for the Society's collection to be displayed, expanded and more easily accessed by the community. This application seeks to train volunteers in first aid and disaster assessment and response and to provide them with relevant equipment.	\$3,980.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
61	Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre	'Issues that Matter' plus equipment for hybrid course delivery.	Funding is requested to deliver a quarterly series of community events, Issues that Matter. Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre proposes to hold events for International Women's Day, Refugee Week, International Day of the World's Indigenous People and World Mental Health Day.	\$4,244.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Healthy Community
62	The Compassionate Friends Vic	START and ASIST training - suicide response	Funding is requested to provide START training for 40 volunteers and ASIST Training for 6 staff. This training will equip the staff and volunteers with essential tools to effectively engage with individuals who may be at risk of suicide. The training is sensitive to the bereaved volunteers and within the boundaries of peer support. It effectively prepares volunteers to recognise risk and seek supervision.	\$6,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Healthy Community
63	The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc Ashburton Branch	Equipment Purchase/ Consumables	Funding is requested to purchase a gazebo 3m x 3m and a Quechua All Terrain Transport Cart.	\$1,562.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community

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64	THE MALING ROAD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INC.	Maling Road Autumn Harvest (MRAH)	Maling Road Autumn Harvest to bring locals, visitors, and businesses together to celebrate Autumn and its harvest while sowing literal and metaphorical seeds for next year's harvest for both our precinct and community.	\$10,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Vibrant Retail Precincts
65	The Probus Club of Glenferrie Inc	End of Year Celebration and Mini Bus outing support	Funding is requested to provide catering and entertainment for end of year celebration and subsidise 'maxi taxi' transport to outings.	\$2,901.05	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community
66	The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch - 1st Canterbury Scout Group	100th Anniversary Celebrations of the 1st Canterbury Scout Hall	Funding is requested to assist with a community open day run by the 1st Canterbury Scout Group in May 2024 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the official opening of the Scout Hall.	\$4,008.35	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Recreation
67	The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch (Camberwell Showtime)	Equipment Purchase/ Consumables	Funding is requested to purchase an exhibition TV stand with printed display cover complete with 32 inch flat screen TV for promotional and marketing of Camberwell Showtime.	\$1,998.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
68	The Scouts Association of Australia, Victorian Branch (1st North Balwyn Scout Group)	Equipment Purchase/ Consumables	Funding is requested to purchase a mobile BBQ for use in camping programs.	\$2,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Recreation
69	Track Youth Theatre Inc	Track Youth Theatre (TYT) Skills Bootcamp	Track Youth Theatre (TYT) seeks funding to deliver a TYT Bootcamp at the beginning of our program in 2024 to increase the quality and broaden the opportunities for Boroondara youth to access artistic guidance and learning. It is proposed the bootcamp will involve the attendees being located together in a camp style environment (staying overnight) where they will engage in a series of sessions with an experienced diverse group of theatre professionals, including singing, performance, movement, working with text and building characters.	\$8,433.63	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
70	Trentwood at the Hub Community House (a service of Access Health and Community)	Equipment Purchase/ Consumables	Funding is requested to purchase a Slimline Art Hanging System to install in the foyer area of the Greythorn Community Hub (the Hub). The Hub would like to develop a public gallery space at the Hub that is accessible to the whole community and a space where local artists and art groups can exhibit their work. It is anticipated changing exhibitions every three months, with some of the exhibitions corresponding with appropriate community celebrations such as Mental Health Week, Children's Week.	\$6,683.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community

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71	Trinity Willison Cricket Club	Pre-Season Coaching Induction & Play HQ Training	<p>Funding is requested to engage a coaching mentor to deliver development sessions for the volunteer junior coaches to teach them how to run training and gamedays effectively. They will also be involved at training sessions at the start of the season to aid coaches as they settle into the new role and season.</p> <p>The second session is to induct active club members into live scoring and use of the new scoring platform (PlayHQ).</p>	\$2,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Sport
72	U3A HAWTHORN INCORPORATED	Increase capacity of activities in three areas	<p>Funding is requested to provide an excursion for each of Historic Heritage and Urban Development interest groups - to Beleura Historic Homestead and Garden (Mornington) and Western Treatment Plant and Geelong. Each would be a full-day excursion involving around 47 participants. We wish to use hired buses and provide lunch and refreshments.</p> <p>In addition, we wish to purchase of table tennis table to respond to increased demand for the activity.</p>	\$4,011.08	No conflict of interest declared.	Life Long Community
73	Union Road Surrey Hills Traders Association	2023/2024 Program of Promotional Activities	Funding is requested to develop a program of promotional activities associated with key dates/seasons (Halloween, Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day etc.), social media postings, distribution of posters and Union Road shopping bags. This includes purchase of laptop and associated software.	\$9,000.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Vibrant Retail Precincts
74	West Hawthorn Pre-school	West Hawthorn Pre-school Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Program	<p>Funding is requested for a new Aboriginal cultural awareness and education program for both the 3-year-old and 4-year-old groups at West Hawthorn Pre-school to educate and inspire the children about Aboriginal culture and connection to Country.</p> <p>The project will involve contracting an external Indigenous education organisation to provide four incursions for the 3-year-old group and four incursions to the 4-year-old group in 2023 and 2024, a Welcome to Country and also the purchase of First Nations-specific toys, books and games, embedding Aboriginal culture in everyday learning and activities.</p>	\$3,734.54	No conflict of interest declared.	Children and Families

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75	Willison Park Tennis Club	Introductory tennis classes for parents	Funding is sought to run three tennis sessions for parents over three weeks, at the start of the summer and winter seasons (six sessions in total). The purpose of the sessions is to engage parents in playing tennis and to build the community at the club. Funding is also requested to produce an information booklet that participants can take home with them, and vouchers for court time.	\$2,254.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Active Community - Recreation
76	Women's Health East	Health and Happiness: Tackling Taboos	Funding is requested to hold in-person workshops and a youth co-designed social media campaign targeted to international students to increase Mandarin-speaking young people's knowledge of, and change their attitudes towards, traditionally taboo health topics (particularly mental health and sexual and reproductive health). The project would be in partnership with Multicultural Health & Support Services and Swinburne University.	\$2,500.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Healthy Community
77	Yarra Gospel Incorporated	Yarra Gospel Revival Concert	Yarra Gospel is seeking funding for a membership drive to improve financial sustainability of their community choir and deliver an interactive 'revival' concert in March 2024 at the Hawthorn Arts Centre.	\$5,569.45	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
78	Zelman Memorial Symphony Orchestra Inc.	Commissioning & Performing New Classical Work	Zelman Memorial Symphony Orchestra is seeking funding to commission a new classical work by an Australian composer and deliver a world premiere performance by the Orchestra in late 2024.	\$9,220.00	No conflict of interest declared.	Creative Community
				\$393,287.65		

Attachment 4 - 2023/24 Climate Action Plan Grants - Recommended

Organisation Name	Project Title	Project Description	Panel recommendation	Full / Partial	Conditions of funding	Conflict of interest
Electrify Boroondara Alliance	Improving energy efficiency of Boroondara households	<p>Funding is requested to engage, encourage and support the Boroondara community to improve the energy efficiency of their homes and climate change resilience as well as reduce their carbon emissions and energy costs.</p> <p>The key steps of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide the knowledge to assess home energy efficiency opportunities • increase awareness of electrification opportunities, including rooftop PV and getting off gas • Workshopping practical and low-cost activities to improve home comfort and energy efficiency. 	\$9,951.90	Full		No conflict of interest declared.