

Community Inclusion Grants 2024-25 – successful applications

Organisation	Project Title and Project Description	Grant amount \$
Alex Makes Meals Group LTD.	<p>Nourishing Melbourne: Alleviate Food Insecurity and Empower Vulnerable Communities</p> <p>The project aims to address the escalating issue of food insecurity in Melbourne City by providing nutritious meals and offering holistic community support. Through collaborative efforts with frontline organizations such as The Living Room, Supporting the Battlers, and CoHealth, we aim to empower vulnerable individuals and families, ensuring their access to essential resources and fostering a sense of community well-being.</p>	18,720
CAN Community Support	<p>Multicultural Women's Group</p> <p>This project brings together women from diverse cultural backgrounds in the context of the Carlton High Rise public housing towers. The multicultural women's group will provide social and emotional support, enhanced opportunity, psychosocial and health and wellbeing education and enhanced sense of community and breakdown in cultural barriers between different cultural groups in the Carlton High Rise estate.</p>	15,000
Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc	<p>Community Inclusion in Carlton</p> <p>Disadvantaged migrant and refugee women and their children will be provided opportunities for arts/cultural excursions in the City of Melbourne, and driving workshops. CNLC will also conduct 6 free community lunches for residents of the Carlton public housing estate.</p>	13,800
Chrisalis Foundation	<p>Get to know Melbourne City</p> <p>A monthly walking tour from our suburbs to Melbourne city. We will catch public transport together, then walk around in different places within the city of Melbourne, having coffee, and then go back home. As all of us are a new Australians, it's a learning experience to get to know key Melbourne streets, buildings and landmarks and more.</p>	3480
Drummond Street Services	<p>Friday Family Fun Music Nights!</p> <p>Inclusive CALD community driven project run at the North Melbourne public housing estate. We will present a family/children's interactive music session incorporating percussion instruments, dances and musical activities plus an easy-to-follow ukulele play/sing-along where simple songs are taught by a local professional musician. A BBQ will be provided afterwards, and Easy English health promotion materials will be disseminated.</p>	18,000
Dynamo Victoria Football Club	<p>UnityKick</p> <p>UnityKick is about community connection and support, mental health, and wellbeing. This program will bring together various CALD communities of Melbourne through healthy activities and socialising in a safe, supportive, welcoming environment and through sharing in food supplied by local, ethnically diverse businesses.</p>	7500

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Empower Australia	<p>Empower Food Relief Expansion Program</p> <p>Enhancing the Empower food relief centre to facilitate quicker distribution of food supplies to local residents. This includes procuring additional tablets and TVs to expedite registration, upgrading inventory systems for more efficient storage, and implementing multilingual banners for enhanced visibility. A targeted marketing campaign will inform both authorities and residents about the centre's services, promoting accessibility and community support.</p>	8000
Friends for Good	<p>Arabic Friend Line</p> <p>Friends for Good plans to launch the groundbreaking 'Arabic Friend Line' in Melbourne, responding to a critical need in the Arabic-speaking community, particularly among refugees and asylum seekers with limited English proficiency. This culturally sensitive initiative, staffed by volunteers, empowers the community by providing a unique space to combat loneliness, fostering connections and mental wellbeing in an inclusive environment.</p>	15,000
Gig Workers' Hub	<p>Riding Safer Together</p> <p>For many new migrants, food delivery work is their first form of paid work, something they do temporarily while waiting for more secure opportunities. The Riding Safer Together program will equip Melbourne's new delivery riders with essential road safety knowledge, as well as a social safety net, helping them to feel more confident and secure in gig work and beyond.</p>	15,000
HousingFirst Ltd	<p>Parkville Home Hub</p> <p>Parkville Home Hub delivers essential local services at the recently completed social housing project on Galada Ave, linking residents with co-located referral agencies for resource access and in-place tenancy support. This includes opening up the communal space for social support service providers to engage residents, and for the local precinct to utilise, promoting a stronger, more connected, and inclusive community.</p>	15,000
North Melbourne Language and Learning	<p>Yarn Over Fibre Arts Group</p> <p>Yarn Over seeks to establish a two social, sustainable fibre arts groups for community members of the North Melbourne Public Housing Estate to foster community spirit and socialisation, promote sustainability by reducing textile waste and impart strategies for affordable access to fibre arts hobbies.</p>	18,000
Orygen	<p>Orygen Assist</p> <p>Orygen Assist provides judgement free access to essential items including food, clothing, and hygiene products. Orygen Assist seeks to help to reduce financial stress, improve health outcomes and service access, address key social determinants of health outcomes and support rapport building efforts within local communities. Clients are from culturally and linguistically diverse communities and many also experience significant financial barriers.</p>	5500
Our Point 3 Incorporated	<p>Beyond my Colour</p> <p>'Beyond My Colour' connects LGBTQIA+ international students, alumni and allies through story sharing and communal dining workshops. Paired story exchanges, capacity building, and zine creation foster curiosity and empathy. These connections extend beyond, as zines are curated and shared publicly, linking participants with local communities. This enriches understanding, boosts social inclusion, and enhances wellbeing for a vibrant and interconnected community.</p>	10,000

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Queen Victoria Women's Centre Trust	<p>Professional Migrant Women Work Ready Mentoring Program</p> <p>The Work Ready Mentoring Program aims to help professional migrant women find their first professional job in Australia. The 12-week program will equip 20 participants with the knowledge and skills for job searching through a group mentor, community network and training packages. It will be delivered in partnership with Professional Migrant Women (PMW) and the Queen Victoria Women's Centre (QVWC).</p>	15,000
River Nile Learning Centre Incorporated	<p>Inclusion of Refugees and Asylum Seekers</p> <p>RNLC refugee and asylum seeker students are typically isolated in our community. as result of unfamiliarity with their new country. This project directly addresses this isolation by introducing them to activities and places that they may otherwise not have the opportunity to experience or see.</p>	15,400
Ross House Association Inc.	<p>Equal Access to Facilities</p> <p>Ross House Association (RHA) is seeking funding to expand and refurbish our level 4 toilet facilities. Our goal is to cater to increasing demand and establish a fully accessible, DDA-compliant bathroom and shower space. This project will address a fundamental need of a community hub in the heart of Melbourne, ensuring equitable access to our facilities for all community groups.</p>	20,000
The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation Inc	<p>Melbourne Inclusive ASPIRE Program for Aboriginal Girls - Upper Primary Lower Secondary School</p> <p>Melbourne Inclusive ASPIRE Program for Aboriginal Girls aims to encourage girls to stay at school and complete their education. Currently in the Melbourne Metropolitan area girls are less likely to stay on at school than their male peers. There are a variety of reasons for this to occur, which are mostly non-academic and relate to social, health, and cultural factors.</p>	10,000
The One Box Group Limited	<p>The One Box ~ Food for families in City of Melbourne</p> <p>The One Box will provide weekly fresh produce deliveries in partnership with the City of Melbourne. Twenty boxes will be provided to 20 families (as determined by the school) at Carlton Primary School.</p>	7000
Victorian Skateboard Association	<p>Kensington Skate Park Activation</p> <p>The Kensington Skate Park Activation is a close collaboration between the VSA, The Venny and schools in Kensington and North Melbourne to increase participation and connection at the Kensington Skate Park. By syncing consistent instructors to school incursions, The Venny after-school programming, and weekend events, the project will introduce a new generation of users to the Kensington facility.</p>	10,000
WomenCAN Australasia Ltd	<p>WomenCAN Build Social Enterprise</p> <p>We aspire to augment the operational capacity of our WomenCAN Build Social Enterprise in female amenity installations. Equipping skilled tradeswomen with essential tools, our goal is to diversify services, secure additional contracts, and meet the rising demand for amenities crafted by women. This strategic investment anticipates a significant ROI while expanding our impact.</p>	10,000