

2025 Community Meals Subsidy Program Recommended Funding

2025 successful applicants		2024–25 Budget \$167,300			Recommended funding \$167,300
No	Organisation	Neighbourhood	Aim of activities	Average number of participants at meal sessions	2025 recommended subsidy
1	African Community Elderly Association of Victoria	North Melbourne	Encourage older Eritrean men to participate in community activities, maintain social connection and support healthy ageing.	50	\$3,530.40
2	Association of New Elderly Inc.	South Yarra	Support older members and carers from the Japanese community by providing a wide range of health and wellbeing opportunities across the city of Melbourne.	70	\$4,942.00
3	Australian Romanian Community	North Melbourne	Assistance, services and social activities for Romanian older people experiencing hardship, social isolation and sickness.	40	\$2,824.55
4	CAN Community Support	Carlton	Ensure marginalised older people in Carlton have access to community, food, social inclusion programs and learning activities.	140	\$9,700.00
5	Carlton Gardens Probus Incorporated	Carlton	Provide friendship, fellowship, support and connection for retirees through a wide range of experiences and activities, including a monthly lunch program	42	\$2,718.70
6	Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre	Carlton	Provide a free, nutritious meal for socially isolated community members in Carlton and support connection through the celebration of significant cultural events. Offering local residents a chance to connect, learn, share skills and improve participation in community life.	80	\$4,236.20
7	Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre – Eritrean Women’s Group	Carlton	Provide information, forums and social support to Eritrean older women residing at the Carlton public housing estate, including sharing a nutritious weekly meal, health information and outings.	30	\$2,118.75
8	Chinese Arts Association of Melbourne Incorporated	North Melbourne	Activities to improve health and well-being, reduce social isolation, encourage seniors to participate in community activities and promote cultural diversity, friendship and harmony.	97	\$6,847.70
9	Chinese Community Health Advisory of Australia Inc	CBD	To promote health and wellbeing and friendship, and reduce social isolation, we organise the community activities for the Chinese seniors.	35	\$2,473.95
10	Chinese Social Centre of North Melbourne	North Melbourne	To provide a warm, welcoming and inclusive place for Chinese older people to meet, make friends, develop skills and participate in a range of social activities and information sessions.	20	\$1,412.95
11	cohealth – AROT Chinese Seniors Group	Kensington	Promote wellbeing and friendship and reduce social isolation by organising community meals and other activities for Chinese older people.	80	\$5,647.85

12	cohealth – Eritrean Men’s Group	Carlton	Enable Eritrean older men to participate in cultural events that improve communication and connection, providing support and preventing social isolation and mental stress.	30	\$2,118.75
13	cohealth – Turkish Elderly Group	Carlton	Improve social connection, mental and physical health, and decrease stress and social isolation. Increase cultural connections in the group and strengthen feelings of belonging within the local community	25	\$1,765.85
14	Cohealth – Kensington Chinese Social Support Group	Kensington	Support for this community to stay connected with others, to enhance social connection, cognitive stimulation and provide access to a nutritious meal.	30	\$2,118.75
15	East African Elders Association	North Melbourne	To provide a social space for members to gather, share a meal, participate in various activities and contribute to the delivery of the session	65	\$4,589.10
16	Greek Senior Citizens Club of Flemington and Kensington	Kensington	Weekly get together with meals, bingo and other games and occasional outings for Greek speaking older people.	40	\$2,824.55
17	Horn of Africa Senior Women’s Program	Kensington	Weekly community connection and well-being through food, physical activities and workshops.	40	\$2,824.55
18	Indo China Ethnic Chinese Association of Victoria	CBD	The community meals program offers a platform to share government information with the Chinese community, as well a forum through which older people can share their experiences and insight.	70	\$4,942.00
19	Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association Victoria	Kensington	Regular meetings for Vietnamese older people living in Kensington. Activities include cultural celebrations, recreation programming and outings.	65	\$4,589.10
20	Kensington Neighbourhood House – Wednesday Social Group	Kensington	Provide a sense of belonging, connection, structure and routine, while offering a place to make friends and gain peer-to-peer support. The program is a source of motivation for members to get out of the house, while accessing an affordable meal.	21	\$1,483.55
21	Kensington Neighbourhood House – Vietnamese and Indochinese Elders Social Group	Kensington	Meeting once a fortnight since 1987 this group come together and share a Vietnamese meal to help members bond, create connections, and keep practicing their culture.	23	\$1,624.70
22	Manna4Life Ltd	Kensington	Providing sit down meals, in a climate-controlled setting, to support older residents engaging comfortably in meaningful social interactions with their peers to facilitate connection and improve wellbeing.	35	\$2,520.00
23	Melbourne Bearbrass Probus Club	Docklands	Opportunities for retired/semi-retired residents living in the City of Melbourne, to meet regularly and enjoy a wide range of social activities.	50	\$3,530.40

24	Melbourne Line Dancing Group	Southbank	Regular meals sessions are accompanied by weekly exercise, Chinese arts and dance sessions for people over the age of 55 to stay fit and socially connected.	66	\$4,659.70
25	Melbourne Sunrise Probus Club Inc	Docklands	Retirees from Melbourne's diverse community participate in a wide range of activities and interest groups, sharing meals and making new connections	50	\$3,236.30
26	Morning Exercise Melbourne Incorporated	Carlton	Provide physical exercise, dance and English study activities for older people, as well as a monthly nutritious meal program offering social connection.	60	\$4,236.20
27	North & West Melbourne Neighbourhood Centre Inc. – Viva La Seniors	North Melbourne	Providing an accessible and inclusive agenda of education, social engagement and support services that nurture belonging and community spirit, reduces social dislocation, and ultimately improve the wellbeing of individuals.	30	\$2,118.75
28	North Melbourne Chinese Association	North Melbourne	Encourage older people to participate in activities that improve their health, wellbeing, social connection and celebrate cultural diversity.	140	\$9,700.00
29	Panarcadian Association of Melbourne and Victoria Limited	North Melbourne	Offer events and activities for members and the broader local Greek community, including luncheons, dances, book launches and presentations, celebration and commemoration of historical events.	60	\$4,236.20
30	Slavic Women's Group "Nase Zene" Inc.	North Melbourne	Improve social connection by offering a community meal and a chance to chat in a friendly atmosphere. The organisation supports a large network of Slavic women and connects them into a range of social and recreational opportunities.	131	\$9,247.50
31	Spanish speaking elderly group of North Melbourne	North Melbourne	Support Spanish speaking older women to remain active and socially connected through craft projects and other initiatives which uplift members, celebrate their creativity, and contribute to both personal growth and the broader community.	27	\$1,907.00
32	St Mary Coptic Orthodox Elderly Group	Kensington	Weekly activities and recreation for older Egyptians that address isolation and loneliness, while ensuring regular access to a nutritious meal.	48	\$3,500.00
33	St Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Senior Citizens Group	East Melbourne	Provide weekly meetings for older members with activities that include healthy ageing information sessions, exercises, games, meals and outings.	84	\$5,930.15
34	The Federation of Chinese Associations (VIC) Inc.	Docklands	Reduce isolation and improve health and wellbeing for Chinese older people by providing activities such as singing, dancing, information, exercise, festivals and outings.	110	\$7,765.25
35	The Probus Club of Carlton Parkville Inc.	Carlton	Opportunities for retired people to keep minds active, enjoy the fellowship of old and new friends and to maintain and expand interests. Subsidised meal sessions ensure as many members as possible are able to participate and benefit from this social connection opportunity.	50	\$883.60

36	The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust	North Melbourne	Provides assistance to people 55 and over who are residing in Public Housing in North Melbourne. The Support in Public Housing program offers nutritionally balanced meals to increase clients' health, social participation, and provides a platform to engage with community about our services.	85	\$6,000.75
37	U3A Melbourne City	CBD	A self-funded, voluntary organisation formed to provide education and social opportunities to members aged 50+ who are retired or working part-time. Volunteer acknowledgement lunches are delivered to recognise the contributions of older people.	73	\$1,289.45
38	Unison Housing (Unison) - Healthy Living and Learning (HLL) Program	Kensington	Addresses food insecurity, social isolation and promotes healthy lifestyles by providing free healthy meals, exercise, gardening, and information on a range of topics.	50	\$3,530.40
39	Uniting Church Gospel Hall Melbourne (Yee Hong Group)	CBD	Provides opportunities for older members to get together, meet new people and establish new friendship during meals and outdoor outings.	40	\$2,824.55
40	Victorian Elderly Chinese Welfare Society – Monthly Birthday Party	West Melbourne	Provides regular language, exercise, art and dancing classes, as well as karaoke, community meals and excursions for Chinese older people, particularly those in public housing.	140	\$9,700.00
41	West Melbourne Baptist Church and Community Centre – Aunties and Uncles Group	West Melbourne	Supports older community members experiencing isolation with access to a friendly environment, good discussion, shared activities, exercise and a meal.	25	\$1,765.85
42	West Melbourne Baptist Church and Community Centre – Community Dinner	West Melbourne	Monthly community meals aiming to foster joy, companionship, and social interaction, while combatting feelings of loneliness and isolation.	47	\$3,384.00