

2025-26 Community Grants Recipients

Organisation	Project Title Event Description	Grant amount
Active Southbank Community Association Incorporated	<p>Festival At Boyd [FAB] Southbank</p> <p>A vibrant festival fostering inclusion, celebrating cultural diversity, and promoting social connection. Activities include live performances, indoor games, therapeutic arts for children, and food trucks with multicultural cuisines and dietary options. The event highlights local artisans, preloved goods, and small businesses, strengthening Southbank's community bonds.</p>	\$7750
Africa Day Australia INC	<p>Africa Day Australia Activities</p> <p>Africa Day Australia holds various events including sports days, youth and family forums and a panel series tackling topical issues impacting African Australians. The events are open to African Australians in Melbourne as well as individuals interested in African heritage.</p>	\$4000
All The Queens Men Incorporated	<p>The Coming Back Out Social</p> <p>The Coming Back Out Social celebrates older LGBTIQ+ people and allies; antidoting loneliness through connection to communities, improved social wellbeing, cognitive, cultural and physical health, dance and fashion. CBOS connects those experiencing significant isolation, through a social dance event founded upon cross sector partnerships.</p>	\$7750
Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc (CNLC)	<p>Carlton Harmony Festival</p> <p>Carlton Harmony Festival is when the broader Carlton community comes together to celebrate connection and harmony. Organised by the Carlton Community Network, the Festival will provide a range of family friendly, all-age activities, including showcasing local talent, sporting events, creative activities, diverse culinary offers, speakers and live music performance in support of the neighbourhood's cultural diversity.</p>	\$7750
Chabad Melbourne CBD	<p>Chanuka in the City</p> <p>We are hosting a Chanukah Candle Lighting event at Parliament House with a live band, catered buffet, and Menorah kindling. The Premier will address the importance of event to the community. Traditional holiday foods will be served and a singer will entertain, ensuring a memorable celebration that strengthens community bonds and honours our cultural heritage.</p>	\$3000
Geography Victoria Ltd	<p>Book Week StoryWalk</p> <p>Our aim is to showcase Melbourne as a City of Literature, by hosting a StoryWalk® event in the Fitzroy Gardens during Book Week. A temporary installation of a StoryWalk® (pages of a picture storybook mounted on temporary, low-impact signs) would be installed along the paths. This would be a free family outdoors activity - accessible, affordable and fun.</p>	\$2000
Horizontes Projects with the Community	<p>Traditional Colombian candles day</p> <p>Candles Day, a Colombian tradition marking the start of Christmas, will invite Melbourne's Latin and broader communities to enjoy live music, dance, LED candle lighting, and entrepreneur showcases. Featuring resources on food security and family topics, the event will foster inclusion, social connections, and accessibility.</p>	\$5800
Kensington Neighbourhood House	<p>Kensington Neighbourhood House - The Big Five O!</p> <p>Celebrating the 50th anniversary of Kensington Neighbourhood House – a grassroots organisation established in 1975. This event is for everyone; past and present KNH participants and the broader community. Activities will include the launch of the KNH Digital Archive Collection; creation of a</p>	\$7000

	community art installation; music program featuring local performers; food prepared by Kensington micro-businesses; and children's play options.	
League of Latin American Migrants Australia - LLAMA Incorporated	<p>Spanish Language Fiesta</p> <p>The Spanish Language Fiesta (SLF) celebrates the richness of the Spanish language by inviting the wider community to engage with and explore Spanish-speaking cultures. Over 3500 people will gather at Queen Victoria Market to experience and celebrate through a vibrant mix of language, poetry, theatre, music, dance, and food.</p>	\$7750
Minus18 Foundation	<p>Queer Formal Melbourne: Celebrating LGBTQIA+ Youth, Pride and Connection</p> <p>Queer Formal Melbourne is a vibrant, free event for LGBTQIA+ youth aged 12-19, bringing together over 800 attendees for an unforgettable night of celebration and connection. With live performances, a dance floor, and a chill-out space, this inclusive event offers a safe, empowering environment for queer young people to build friendships and embrace their identities.</p>	\$5200
North & West Melbourne Neighbourhood Centre	<p>Public Housing Multicultural Eid Festival</p> <p>Eid is a globally celebrated Islamic holiday symbolising unity, gratitude, and spiritual renewal. This multicultural Eid Festival engages the many different Muslim cultures that reside in City of Melbourne public housing as both participants and patrons. The festival features cultural music, dance, shared meals, games and activities for all ages. The wider community are welcome to join the free celebration.</p>	\$7750
Parkville Gardens Residents Association	<p>Parkville Gardens Community Building Project</p> <p>A series of events to strengthen identity, cohesion, belonging, well-being and safety in our growing and diverse community (safety being particularly important given the increase in crime and anti-social behaviour since the opening of Housing First's social housing tower), including a Halloween event, community music celebration, easter egg hunt, and quiz night. Events are open to all residents.</p>	\$6500
River Nile School	<p>River Nile School Harmony Block Party</p> <p>The River Nile School Harmony Day Block Party celebrates the contributions and talents of young people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds. Through performances, activities, and cultural sharing, this vibrant event fosters belonging, connection, and community pride. With your support, we can create an inclusive celebration that unites and uplifts our diverse community.</p>	\$7750
Schizy Inc	<p>Mojo Festival of Lived Experience and Arts</p> <p>Disability led public event calendar in Melbourne celebrating World Schizophrenia Day and Mental Health Month. Performing arts workshops and outcomes with mental health advocacy opportunities for people with complex mental health. Activities at Arts Centre Melbourne, FRINGE Common Rooms and Ross House. Mojo Festival promotes world-leading attitudes and practices around complex trauma disability, identity, community, access, equity and inclusion.</p>	\$7750
Somali Community Inc.	<p>Somali Day Australia Festival 2025</p> <p>The Somali Day Australia Festival 2025 is a vibrant, family-friendly event celebrating Somali culture and heritage. Open to all, it features cultural performances, traditional foods, rides for children, sports, and entertainment. Held annually, this festival unites diverse communities, fostering inclusion, understanding, and belonging. Attendees can enjoy a joyful day of connection, learning, and celebration in Melbourne.</p>	\$8750