# Summary of Projects Supported

**2023-2024 Community Development Fund**

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| Applicant | Project Title | Project Overview |
| Anchor Community Care | The LIFT Program | The grant will fund specialist and social events and activities over a 12-month period designed to create connection and opportunity for children in care to relax, have fun and feel connected to their peers and the adults who care for them. The grant will also fund specialist events developed to support and educate Volunteer Carers. |
| Basin Theatre Group | Re-development of Group's Website | The grant will contribute to updating the group's existing website to utilise newer technology and meet industry standards for security.  |
| Boronia Bayswater Community Church of Christ | The Well - Tending To Wellbeing In The Community | To implement "The Well" – a program, that provides help and guidance to enable the participants to address and develop skills to overcome challenges in their lives such as loneliness, grief and anxiety. |
| Boronia Bowls Club Inc. | Volunteer training to secure our club’s legacy | Provision of training to upskill committee and volunteers to ensure succession planning of retiring committee members. By investing in training, it will ensure the sustained growth of the club and the continued engagement of the community.  |
| Boronia Soccer Club | Coach & Player development tools | To purchase additional purpose specific training equipment that will facilitate a more advanced level of training & playing, ultimately attracting and retaining players. Items include extendable nets, agility pole, adjustable hurdle, folding goal. |
| Bridges Connecting Communities Ltd | Device Accessibility for Older Adults | To deliver technology training for older people identified as being disadvantaged by our highly digitised world. Participants provided with this training will include those with low vision, hearing loss or cognitive or physical decline.  |
| Bright Church Incorporated | Bayswater Blitz | To deliver the “Bayswater Blitz” program - a collaborative effort to provide wrap-around services to support students and families at Bayswater Secondary College. The project aims to increase community inclusion in Knox by providing a "step up" for disadvantaged and vulnerable students and their families.  |
| Coonara Community House Inc | Knox Community Chess Enthusiasts (KCCE) | To provide weekly chess games at Rowville Library and Westfield Knox Community Space to emphasize inclusivity, mental well-being, and multiculturalism. People of all ages, abilities, genders, races, and religions are welcomed to join in socialising and making connections.  |
| Didibahini Samaj Victoria (DBSV) | We can be the best | To deliver the “We Can Be The Best” women’s wellbeing program that aims to address some of the social and wellbeing needs of Nepalese women living in Knox area. These include challenges related to settlement issues, job, education and cultural issues. |
| Different Journeys | Autism Family Swim Nights Inclusion & Connection | To deliver a series of four swim nights which will be hosted by people with Autism and their families/carers to build skills in event management, peer support, exercise, administration, social media, public speaking and more. ‍The project will create pathways to transition participants from enjoying a protected recreational experience (closed pool) to more independently accessing to mainstream community and recreation services. |
| Fairpark Junior Football Club Inc | Replace Kitchen Equipment | To replace a freezer and pie warmer for the clubs the canteen, ensuring that the club are able to provide food during the 2024 EFNL season that meets appropriate health and safety requirements and continues ability to raise income and be sustainable.  |
| Ferntree Gully Arts Society Inc | Equipment | To improve occupational health and safety for volunteers at The Hutt galley through the purchase of a ladder, lights, a trolley for moving heavy equipment and a defibrillator. |
| Ferntree Gully Cricket Club | Replacement of fridges | To purchase new, energy-efficient fridges, with greater capacity. This will enable the club to purchase food and drinks in bulk, reducing costs and increasing the profitability of the canteen. |
| Ferntree Gully News | Learning new skills at Ferntree Gully News | Supporting the production team members to learn how to use InDesign and Photoshop. The grant will support the purchase of two new laptop computers, with the Adobe Creative Suite installed. |
| Flamingo 3 Year Old Kinder | Diversity and Inclusion Resources | The grant will support the purchase of a range of resources to assist the Kinder in educating our children on the importance of diversity and inclusion, multiculturalism and indigenous culture so that the children feel a sense of belonging. |
| Foothills Community Care Inc. | Foothills Community Casseroles Recovery Response | The grant will assist in the provision of home cooked meals and care packages delivered to locals ‍in need of an extra supporting the Knox area. This project is especially targeting local Knox residents facing food insecurity, and those dealing with the recent rises in cost of living. |
| Friends of Koolunga Native Reserve Inc | Restoring hollows for Powerful Owls | The project will partner with Monash University to create breeding hollows suitable for the threatened Powerful Owls (Ninox strenua) in Knox. Suitable trees in Knox are being increasingly lost and not replaced due to unprecedented storms, old age and development. |
| Golden Cobra Martial Arts Inc | Golden Cobra Dojo Move | The grant supports the purchase of training mats, breaking boards and fit balls to replace our old, worn out and damaged equipment and to fit out the club’s new dojo to make it a place the members and community can be proud of.  |
| Hands Off Foundation | We've Got Your Back | The project will provide children affected by sexual assault and family violence, who have been forced to flee their homes. The grant will contribute to putting together care packs that will be provided with the following items: blanket, teddy, kids toothpaste and toothbrush, kids body wash, hairbrush, PJs, slippers, colouring book and pencils. |
| Hindi Niketan Inc. | Indian Festival of Colours-Holi | Hindi Niketan is planning to celebrate the Holi festival to bring together Australian people of Indian origin and Australians of other backgrounds and enhance social harmony in multicultural Australian society. |
| Interchange Outer East | Knox Inclusive Basketball League | The deliver a fully inclusive basketball competition to people with disabilities in partnership with Knox Basketball Association, including staffing, uniforms and promotion of the competition. |
| Knox & District Toy Library Inc | Expanding Opportunities For Play and Connection | The aims of this project are to make it easier for toy library members to browse puzzles, board games and story sacks to choose items for borrowing, through improved shelving and creating a dedicated space for new toys and donations to be catalogued and repaired.  |
| Knox Community Gardens Society Inc | Cultural Heritage Protection & Awareness | Knox Community Gardens are seeking to protect the cultural heritage of their site in consultation with Wurundjeri Elders. The grant will contribute to installing raised garden beds to continue gardening on site without the risk of disrupting the unique cultural history of this land. |
| Knox Environment Society | Building benches | To fit out the KES community nursery with benches to lift the stock off the ground and to a more manageable height. This will reduce the risk for volunteers in lifting and twisting when moving stock around, and allow the group to replace environmentally unfriendly poly boxes with recyclable plastic trays. |
| Knox Historical Society | Ambleside Christmas Fair & Craft Market | To provide a Christmas event as an important community festival that enhances the Council's vision for celebration by providing living history to the community at Ambleside Park. |
| Knox Infolink | Local support for the Knox Community | The project seeks to fund additional case worker hours to meet the increased demands for intensive support for complex issues. Knox Infolink is then better positioned to effectively respond to anyone who musters the courage to seek assistance. |
| Knox Repair Cafe | Scaling Up Knox Repair Cafe | Knox Repair Café is aiming to scale up its proven repair model and build its repair volume and reach across Knox. Implementing new software to create Repair Matching Platform (RMP), will more easily bring repair requests and repairers together.  |
| Knox United Soccer Club | Carrington Park (CP) Mini-roos and Junior goals | The grant will assist the purchase of the correct sized goals required per age group to support the development of soccer skills and provide a valuable opportunity for outdoor physical activity. Teams train four nights per week and play up to 10 matches on Sundays.  |
| Lighthouse Foundation | Addressing youth homelessness in Knox | Lighthouse homes are designed to be typical family homes, where youth who may otherwise be homeless feel welcome and safe. The grant will support enhancements to the outdoor area of the Boronia home to promote the wellbeing and healing of residents. |
| Melbourne Electronic Sound Studio Limited | MESS Yooralla Electronic Sound Workshop | MESS will partner with Yooralla Community Hub Ferntree Gully to offer a series of engaging electronic music workshops in a safe and supportive environment for people with disability. Workshops will be designed in collaboration with Yooralla to ensure that the sessions are structured in the most accessible and inclusive way possible to engage participants. |
| Mental Health Foundation Australia | Substance, Family Violence Support Services | This project aims to provide holistic support to families in Knox affected by issues related to alcohol and drug use and family violence. The primary objective is to offer emotional support and practical assistance through peer and group-based support, enabling individuals to navigate their journey towards drug recovery.  |
| Mountain District Learning Centre | Growing Together | The project provides 30 facilitated sessions with interested residents from social housing estates, focusing on food preparation and sharing of meals in a social environment. The project aims to foster connection, improve access to healthy food and build the capacity of participants. |
| Orana Neighbourhood House | Connecting through Community Lunches | The grant will contribute to a monthly community lunch aimed at bringing people together to connect through sharing food, reducing the impact of loneliness and social isolation. The lunches will provide an opportunity for people to establish social connections as well as connecting to the house and the various learning, health and wellbeing programs and social opportunities offered. |
| Outer East Foodshare Inc | Outer East Food Distribution Centre | To fit out a food storage and distribution centre in Knox for 'rescued food', saving it from landfill and instead sharing it with local food relief agencies to support people in need. The grant will improve storage and refrigeration options. |
| Rotary Club of Bayswater Inc | 50th Annual Knox Art Show | An established annual art show, that provides local artists and photographers with the opportunity to display and sell their original work.  |
| Rowville Football Club | Upgrading our Canteen Equipment at both clubrooms | To update aged canteen equipment in both the Eildon and Seebeck clubrooms, for safety and better food handling requirements so that food is kept at the correct temperature. |
| Shishukunj Melbourne Incorporated | Theatrical Play | A stage production to showcase Life of ‘Meerabai’, one of India’s greatest historical poetesses. During production, members will continue to learn traditional Indian Folk dance, drama, singing and acting.  |
| Sheee Kutchi Leva Patel Samaj VIC Inc | SKLPSV Kitchen and Sound Equipment Upgrades | To purchase good-quality cooking appliances. This will enhance the atmosphere during community gatherings, cultural events, and educational workshops, and provide for greater safety with cooking.  |
| SLAMS Music Theatre Company | Trailer for Set Transport | SLAMS will purchase a large caged tandem trailer for use in set, prop and AV equipment transport, critical to their performances. |
| St John Ambulance Australia, VIC | St John Knox CPR manikin | To purchase a high performance, life sized CPR manikin to support new and existing volunteers, in maintaining and building their vital first aid skills.  |
| Tabulam and Templer Homes for the Aged | TTHA German Christmas Market | This event aims to bring together the local Knox community and surrounding areas in an inclusive, fun Christmas event. Residents of the Homes can be isolated as a majority of them are from non-English speaking backgrounds, and some do not have visitors or family. This event provides them with an opportunity to feel part of the community. The event is in its 13th year, and is attended by more than 5000 people. |
| The Basin Music Festival Association Incorporated | The Basin Music Festival | The Annual Basin Music Festival provide s an outlet for musicians who otherwise would not have opportunity to perform and continue providing unique music events for the local community. The grant supports traffic management costs, and the hire of event equipment. |
| The Haven Day Centre | Music therapy sessions | Supporting adults with dementia to participate in fun and interactive music therapy sessions with qualified music therapists. The program aims to improve quality of life by evoking happy memories, improving cognition, improving social interactions within our groups, reducing anxiety and lowering stress levels. |
| The Water Well Project Limited | Health Education for Migrant Communities | The Water Well Project provides health information sessions for individuals from migrant, refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds in Knox. Participants will have greater ability to read, understand, and act on timely and accurate health information.  |
| Uganda the Pearl of Africa Victoria Association | Cultural Celebration and Promotion Festival | To hold the Cultural Celebration & Promotion of Uganda event, showcasing the various crafts, food, poetry, music, dance, and dress code that originates from the East African Region.  |
| Upper Ferntree Gully Football Club Inc | Upgrade of club jerseys and training gear | To purchase new club player uniforms and apparel for Auskick, junior girls and boys, senior men's and women's, and veteran football teams.  |
| VICSES - Knox Unit | Replacement of aged rescue equipment | To replace aged equipment that is vital for various emergency response and rescues within the Knox Municipality. |
| Wantirna South Cricket Club | Recognising the past and connecting the future | To continue recognising the contributions of club members, both past and future, the club will purchase and install an 85" TV to replace the existing large wooden honour board which has now been filled.  |
| With One Voice Bayswater Choir | With One Voice Bayswater - The Clubhouse Project | The choir has recently relocated into new (larger) premises at the RSL Boronia and require new equipment to support the fit out of the facility. |