Attachment Two: Community Grant 2024-25 Evaluation Summaries (Round One)

Community Grants Applications – Recommended

1. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

Applicant	Funding requested What will the Community grant be used for?	Panel score Total (x/80)	Requested funding
Burswood Neighbourhood Watch	Family Fun Day OBNHW	68	\$6,635.00 \$150.00 (In-Kind)

The Burswood Neighbourhood Watch has requested funding to facilitate a family fun day for their Burswood community at the Circus Park, Burswood Peninsula. The event will be held on 23 February 2025 and their goal is to build capacity and wellbeing in their community.

The promotion will emphasise being connected, safe, sustainable, and inclusive for young and old residents and business owners and further build mutually beneficial relationships. The Vic Park Lions will be providing a sausage sizzle and there will be entertainment of face painting and bubbles, bouncy castle, Old MacDonalds petting zoo, snakes, and the Shimmer Band.

They plan to promote Neighbourhood Watch, Burswood Residents Friends, and Neighbours (FANS) Group, WA Police, local businesses, the Town of Victoria Park, and Mirvac (encouraging stands and attendance at the event where possible).

They anticipate that more than 350 people will benefit from this initiative, and it should lead to a better security, safety, and communication all the while building knowledge, resilience, and community spirit.

Panel Assessment:

- Neighbourhood Watch is a natural follow on from the Street Meet and Greet initiative and should be supported as demonstrating capacity building within the community. Safety is a community priority, and this initiative promotes safety and connection within the community.
- Helping people feel safe and promoting connections.
- Offers social connection, activation, and community safety linkages.
- Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.
- The Burswood Peninsula area is contained in a separate subdivision and the efforts of this group to have people interact is highly valuable.
- Community led initiative supporting community safety and community connection.

The panel recommends project funding of \$6,635.00 and \$150.00 (In-Kind)

2. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

Applicant	Funding requested What will the Community grant be used for?	Panel score Total (x/80)	Requested funding
Western Australian Family Violence Prevention Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation	Ochre Ribbon Family Day – 10 Year Anniversary	67	\$9,200.00 \$800.00 (In-Kind)

The Ochre Ribbon Campaign is community driven and culturally focused, highlighting the need to prevent the ongoing violence experienced by Aboriginal women, children, and men across Australia. With a cultural focus at the heart of the initiative, the ochre colour of the ribbon symbolises the community's continued connection to the land, each other, and a commitment to stopping family violence in Aboriginal communities.

Next year Ochre Ribbon Campaign will mark its tenth anniversary and AFLS office across Western Australia will host a series of coordinated community events to commemorate Ochre Ribbon Week. They will pay respects to victims and raise awareness about the devasting impact of Family and Domestic Violence.

A family event will take place on 15 February 2025, at John MacMillan Park and will include a Welcome to Country, cultural activities including a sand mural, and cultural dancers. There will be a free barbecue and refreshments for attendees. It will also be a space for their local network of community services to come together and provide families with information about the support available for them and their children within the metropolitan area.

Panel Assessment:

- Supported through the Healthy Relationships Group with local service providers and supporting local businesses.
- An excellent opportunity to support an important cause for First Nation persons.
- A free event for the whole community that builds awareness and learnings relating to a culturally sensitive and meaningful topic.
- Positive activation in John MacMillan Park around a very important topic.
- Aligns with S1, S2, S3 of the Town's Strategic Community Plan 2022-32 and linkages to Safer Neighbourhoods Plan

The panel recommends project funding of \$9,200.00 and \$800.00 (In-Kind)

3. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

Applicant	Funding requested What will the Community grant be used for?	Panel score Total (x/80)	Requested funding
Parents and Citizens Association Incorporated of Victoria Park Primary School	Victoria Park Primary School 130 th Anniversary Community Fete	65	\$10,000.00

Victoria Park Primary School will be celebrating 130 years (opening in 1894). The school has around 500 students from Kindergarten to Year 6, who hail from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds, cultures, and abilities.

To mark the school's 130-year milestone, the Parents and Citizens Association are organising a community celebration with a fete on Sunday 20 October 2024. The event will connect residents with the school community, reflect on the school's history and alumni, and foster a greater sense of community, inclusion and fun. They will partner with local businesses and the Town of Victoria Park.

The grant funding will fund a road closure on Cargill Street, marketing and provide free activities, while keeping ticketing costs for other activities to a minimum. This will enable them to provide an event that welcomes all sectors of community regardless of their financial means.

Panel Assessment:

- Purpose of the project is very well tied with the Town's vision and priorities relating to inclusion and diversity (S3), access to arts, history, culture and education (S4), facilitating a strong economy (EC1).
- The application focuses on the link between being part of the school community and celebrating life in the Town, making it inclusive and relevant for the whole community.
- Celebrates a historic event (130th Year) that is community-focused, and inclusive for all community members.
- The project will further community connectedness via volunteers and local business involvement, whilst promoting sustainability outcomes.

The panel recommends project funding of \$9,200.00 and \$800 (In-Kind)

Applicant	Funding requested What will the Community grant be used for?	Panel score Total (x/80)	Requested funding
Riverview	Community Christmas Lunch 2024	64	\$10,000.00
Community			

4. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

Services		
Incorporated		

River Community Services Inc. will be holding a Community Christmas Lunch event for residents of the Town of Victoria Park catchment area, to be held at Riverview Church at 1 Thorogood Burswood, in early December 2024.

This event aims to promote inclusiveness and diversity as they extend the invitation to Emergency Relief clients and their families, residents in aged care facilities, the Riverview community and their neighbours residing in the catchment.

The event includes music, icebreakers, games (with prizes) a draw, and activities for the children. At the end of the event, they will gift a Christmas Hamper to households with Centrelink cards. Christmas hampers will also be gifted to the households who missed or cannot attend the event. The Town's Support Services Directory will be included in every Christmas hamper.

Panel Assessment:

- Aligns to the Town's priority of ensuring everyone has a place to call home (S2) and aligns with the Town's Homelessness Policy and Action Plan, by supporting vulnerable people in the community.
- The project facilitates an intergenerational event, that brings people together and addresses challenges with cost of living and social isolation within the community.
- This community-led project creates further community connectedness through local businesses and local volunteer involvement.

The panel recommends project funding of \$10,000.00

Applicant	Funding requested What will the Community grant be used for?	Panel score Total (x/80)	Requested funding
The Haven Incorporated	Bringing festive cheer to those in need for Christmas 2024.	63	\$7,000.00

5. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

The Haven Incorporated plans to coordinate a Christmas Day Lunch providing access to a traditional Christmas feast, including decorating the centre's main room, giving out hampers, as well as gifting treats (chocolates, lollies) and small presents (books, toys) to the children.

They will also be giving Christmas hampers to both individuals and families, which will be distributed during December and will contain consumables (both dry and frozen) and some non-essentials to bring some festive season cheer to recipients.

Volunteers will volunteer their time to assist with the preparation and cooking of food, packing and distributing hampers, helping with set up, pack down and clean up on Christmas Day. The Town's Support Services Directory will be included in every Christmas hamper.

Panel Assessment:

- The Haven provides a much-needed service in the Town of Victoria Park that supports vulnerable people in the community.
- Aligns to aspects of the Town's Homelessness Policy and Action Plan.
- The project creates further community connectedness through local businesses (for supplies) and local volunteer involvement.
- Highly recommend application.

The panel recommends project funding of \$7,000.00

Applicant	Funding requested What will the Community grant be used for?	Panel score Total (x/80)	Requested funding
Reach Her Incorporated	Reach Her Inc's Women's Wellbeing and Mentorship Program	55	\$9,496.25

6. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

Reach Her Inc. will provide a series of wellbeing workshops and mentorship sessions to support women from diverse backgrounds with a strategic focus on migrants, refugees, full time mothers who are struggling to return to the workforce after taking a long career gap. Also, single mothers and women over 50 and women led micro businesses requiring support.

Nine (two-hour sessions) wellbeing workshops and 10 (two-hour sessions) momentum mentorship program will run for the period of August 2024 to February 2025. Additional mentorship support will be provided to two successful scholarship recipients to receive further individual mentorship support session four (one-hour sessions).

The wellbeing workshops are focused on improving women's health and wellbeing, community cohesion and economic independence. In addition, their momentum mentorship support program is an eight-week program where women connect with an experienced mentor who guides them through the steps necessary to launch their businesses and reach their initial customers or explore new channels and markets.

Panel Assessment:

- A well-planned project that supports the Town's priority populations, Culturally and Linguistically Diverses (CALD) and women, noted in the Town's Public Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- Aligns to the Town's social outcomes relating to social connection and diversity.
- A community-led project that facilitates local community engagement and connectedness from both community members from local businesses.

The panel recommends project funding of \$4,496.25

7. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

Applicant	Funding requested What will the Community grant be used for?	Panel score Total (x/80)	Requested funding
Carlisle/Victoria Park Toy Library Incorporated	Get Active	54	\$9,624.00

The Carlisle Victoria Park Toy Library is an entirely volunteer-run organisation, providing high-quality toys, puzzles, and games to approximately 120 member families, most of whom live in the local government area.

Carlisle Victoria Park Toy Library are requesting funding for a Get Active Program. This program aims to support connection, inclusion, and a sense of belonging in our local community by delivering stay and play sessions with a sports and movement-related focus. They will be purchasing scooters, bikes, Stapelstein stepping stones and other sports equipment.

Local businesses will facilitate these sessions, ensuring an engaging and active morning of fun for all children aged 0-7 years. Parents and caregivers will be encouraged to be involved, learning, and playing alongside their children to role-model a happy and healthy lifestyle. They aim to partner with the Town to have some items available for community/family events to promote and showcase support and funding received by Carlisle Victoria Park Toy Library.

They are planning the following sessions:

- Kids Yoga and Mindfulness
- Bop Till You Drop disco dance party.
- Jungle Sports (AFL, cricket, basketball introduction for children of all ages)

Panel Assessment:

- Aligns to the Town's priority of improving access to arts, history, culture and education (S4), and supports the Town's Public Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- The project supports the development of youth people, encourages socialisation and positive health lifestyle and development habits.

• Supports families within the community and encourages further community connectedness.

The panel recommends project funding of \$9,624.00

8. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

Applicant	Funding requested What will the Community grant be used for?	Panel score Total (x/80)	Requested funding
Lathlain Primary School Parents and Citizens Association	2024 Lathlain Community Christmas Carols	53	\$6,000.00 \$1,146.00(In- Kind)

Lathlain Primary School Parents and Citizens Association are requesting funding for a free family, friendly twilight Christmas event at Rayment Park on 1 December 2024. This event will engage the local businesses in Lathlain Place, community groups, school families and Lathlain residents.

Food Vendor businesses in Lathlain Place will be invited to be open to increase connection with local businesses. The Playgroup and Toy library will be open and display information at the event, and they will promote other community services supported by the Town at the event.

The Vic Park Brass Band and a professional choir will be attendance. The event will be Christmas themed and may feature some traditional Christmas Carols but will not contain any formal religious messaging or content.

Panel Assessment:

- Aligns to the Town's priority of facilitating a strong local economy (EC1).
- Community-led event that is highly valued by the community in past years, that supports community connectedness with community members and local businesses.
- An event that is accessible to all, promoting inclusion and diversity.

The panel recommends project funding of \$6,000.00 and \$1,146 (In-Kind)

Community Grants Applications – Not Recommended

9. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

Applicant	Funding requested	Panel	Requested
		score	funding

	What will the Community grant be used for?	Total (x/80)	
The Gujarati Samaj	Navratri Mela	52	\$10,000.00
of Western			
Australia			

The Gujarati Samaj of Western Australia requested funding for the Navratri Mela Multicultural Festival. This festival is designed to honour the Hindu festival of Navratri and spans nine days and features a variety of activities including traditional Garba and Dandiya Raas dances, cultural performances, music, and art exhibitions. The event is to be held on 12 October 2024, at the Burswood Park.

Panel Assessment:

- An alignment to the Town's sponsorship program as a large-scale event is a more appropriate arrangement.
- Funding support is not essential for the delivery of the project.
- Little to no local business involvement.
- The project supports the facilitation of an inclusive community that celebrates diversity (S3).

The panel does not recommend funding

10. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

Applicant	Funding requested What will the Community grant be used for?	Panel score Total (x/80)	Requested funding
Chinese Dance Australia Incorporated.	Cultural Dance Activities for Immigrant Women	50	\$9,910.00 \$480.00 (In-Kind)

Chinese Dance Australia Inc. requested funding to provide cultural dance activities to support isolated and migrant women in the Victoria Park community. The program will run every Wednesday for 40 weeks during school terms. The first hour of the program consists of yoga and body exercise and the second hour consists of Chinese folk and traditional dance with Chinese music and singing.

The activities will be run at the Leisure Life Centre in the drama room. Through the program the participants will improve their physical fitness and become socially connected and have improved mental health.

Panel Assessment:

- The project targets a specific community group (Chinese/new immigrants only), limiting its reach and impact in the community.
- Limited data to understand the community needs that the project will address.
- Limited information on how the community will be engaged to participate in the project.
- Alignment to the Town's priorities, facilitating an inclusive community (S3) and improving access to arts, history, culture and education (S4), where identified for the specific community group who would be involved.

The panel does not recommend funding

Applicant	Funding requested What will the Community grant be used for?	Panel score Total (x/80)	Requested funding
Constable Care Child Safety Foundation	Lost Person Service	40	\$9,995.00 \$378.00 (In-Kind)

11. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

Constable Care Child Safety Foundation requested funding for their Lost Person Service at events such as Summer Street Party, Christmas Wonderland and Kiddo and Doggo Day Out. The Foundation's safety messages are reinforced by helping reunite lost children and other vulnerable people with their caregivers at their Lost Person Points.

The Lost Person Points provide a safe and easily identifiable meeting place. Free Constable Care wristbands are handed out to parents or caregivers entering the event to write their details on and attach to their children so they can be contacted in a case of an emergency. Shaded by a marquee with prominent signage, the Lost Person Points are refuge staffed by at least two trained adults. They include comforting items such as stationery, colouring-in and other activities, stickers and books, table and chairs, water and sunscreen to keep children occupied, hydrated and safe from the sun while caregivers are contacted.

Panel Assessment:

- The project's funding can only support up to three events only, limiting its community reach and impact.
- The project is aligned to specific Town-led events, where the service could be booked on a need's basis, streamlining the partnership and outcomes to the Town's activities and priorities each year.
- The project does provide an enhanced safety element for large community events.

The panel does not recommend funding