

Attachment Two: Community Grant 2023-24 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/60)	Requested funding
Old Burswood Neighbourhood Watch (auspiced by Rotary Club of Victoria Park Incorporated)	Family Fun Day OBNHW	51	\$3,879.30
<p>The Old Burswood Neighbourhood Watch has requested funding to facilitate a family fun day for their Burswood community at the G.O Edwards Park. The event will be held in November and their goal is to build capacity and wellbeing in their community.</p> <p>The promotion will emphasise being connected, safe, sustainable, and inclusive for young and old residents and business owners and further build mutually beneficial relationships.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch, local businesses in the area, the Town of Victoria Park, Connect Victoria Park, Rotary Club of Victoria Park, Mackie Street Singers, Victoria Park Community Centre, Victoria Park Arts Centre and other like-minded community groups will be showcased and service offerings from those participating organisations will be offered to all attendees.</p> <p>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.</p>			
<p>Panel Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly recommend this hyper local event that includes numerous Town of Victoria Park community groups. • The application has a strong alignment to the Town’s Strategic Community Plan. • Community safety is a high priority in the Town and this event addresses this. • The event will target involvement of local groups and businesses. <p>The panel recommends project funding of \$3,879.30</p>			

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

Applicant	Funding requested	Panel score	Requested funding
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	What will the Community grant be used for?	Total (x/60)	
Victoria Park Pride Incorporated	Pride Month Celebrations	50	\$4,265.00 \$400.00 (In-Kind)
<p>Victoria Park Pride Inc. has requested funding to celebrate LGBTIQ+ Pride Month in November. They are planning to deliver five events that work towards building community connections, confidence, pride, artistic expression and promotes the Town as a place that welcomes all.</p> <p>Events and activations include a performance at the Pride Flag raising ceremony, the return of Rainbow Zebra named Walken (noongar for rainbow), Story time and a Victoria Park marching float in the Pride WA parade that will include a dance workshop.</p> <p>The Rainbow Zebra will attend and encourage visitation to several businesses and locations through Victoria Park which will increase foot traffic, as well as promoting the businesses as safe and welcoming places for all community members.</p>			
<p>Panel Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a range of activities to involve the community. • The five events that they are delivering will provide active support, awareness, and communication around this important social theme. • Highly recommend this application as it aligns strongly with the Town's Strategic Community Plan and has demonstrated success in the past. • The Panel decided that the \$400.00 In-Kind requested for a Town photographer be added to their grant funding and they source a photographer with the funds. <p>The panel recommends project funding of \$4,665.00.</p>			

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/60)	Requested funding
Reach Her Incorporated (auspiced by Victoria Park Community Centre)	Reach Her Inc. Workshop and Events for Women	48	\$10,000.00
<p>Reach Her Inc. will partner with Victoria Park Community Centre to provide a series of workshops and events 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. There will also be a focus on single mothers, women over 50 and</p>			

women led micro businesses requiring support. These cohorts are largely invisible within the community.

There will be a variety of creative art, business education, cooking and pre-employment workshops which will be run fortnightly during school term along with local business networking and job expo event to ensure these women are supported to help them gain employment.

This is a pilot program drawing on pre-existing relationships to formalise an ongoing partnership between the two organisations, addressing a gap in local need and establishing the centre as a hub of support. It is aimed at 300 women across 12 months and is free to attend activities.

Panel Assessment:

- Recommend consideration of this application.
- Good alignment shown to Strategic Community Plan across six domains.
- Local workshops aimed at specified target audience – migrants, refugees and full-time mothers and delivered over a full year. Would have an overall positive impact for the participants.
- Useful statistics provided from various and reliable sources to support approach.

The panel recommends project funding of \$10,000.00

4. 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/60)	Requested funding
Lathlain Primary School Parents and Citizens Association Inc.	Lathlain Community Christmas Carols 2023	45	\$5,100.00 \$780.00 (In-Kind)
<p>Lathlain Primary School Parents and Citizens Association are requesting funding for a free, family friendly twilight Christmas event in Rayment Park. This event will engage the local businesses in Lathlain Place, community groups, school families and Lathlain residents.</p> <p>They will be inviting food vendor businesses of Lathlain Place to open, and this will increase connection with local businesses. The local playgroup and Toy library will be invited to open/or display information at the event and the event will promote other community services supported by the Town in the area.</p>			
<p>Panel Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly recommend this application be supported. Very strong attendance from previous similar events and strong community support. • The event aims to increase social connection and activation of Lathlain. 			

- Recommend this application for a free family friendly twilight Christmas event in Rayment Park.

The panel recommends project funding of \$5,100.00 and \$780.00 (In-Kind)

5. 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/60)	Requested funding
empowHER WA Incorporated (auspiced by Victoria Park Community Centre Incorporated)	Celebrating Mothers Event	43	\$3,377.90
<p>The requested funding is to organise a special Celebrating Mother’s luncheon for women who are currently residing in refuges, safe accommodation or under the care of a Domestic Abuse Social Worker and their children. The luncheon will provide a safe and supportive environment for these survivors of domestic violence abuse to celebrate the special bond between mothers and their children and will be held in lieu of Mother’s Day.</p> <p>They will be working with a local café to provide a delicious lunch for participants, along with gifts for the children to give to their mums. Each child will also receive a book to take home with them.</p> <p>The project aims to create a supportive social environment that connects women and their children who have been impacted by domestic violence. Their goal is to encourage individuals from all backgrounds, cultures, and sexual orientations to attend this event and future gathering. This will enable them to develop a sense of community and mutual support as they continue their journey towards healing and regaining their strength.</p>			
<p>Panel Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event was oversubscribed last year and there is a level of demand in refuges and support services. It is likely to benefit 120 women and their children over the two events. Last year’s event had 60 participants. • Relatively small budget for a positive project. • Project supports diversity and connection/engagement. • Highly recommend this application be supported. • Good alignment to Strategic Community Plan. • Project supports community safety and people experiencing family domestic violence. • Victoria Park Community Centre will be providing the In-Kind for the venue. 			
<p>The panel recommends funding of \$3,377.90</p>			

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6. 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/60)	Requested funding
Burswood Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Group (auspiced by Lions Club of Victoria Park)	Burswood Peninsula NHW and Residents Association Community Fiesta 2023	41	\$6,448.20
<p>Burswood Peninsula has requesting funding for a family fun day for the whole community to build the capacity, safety and wellbeing of the Burswood Peninsula. They will promote sustainable, connected, safe and diverse places for everyone.</p> <p>The neighbourhood continues to grow with more residential properties completed and there are now more families in the area, and they wish to grow the event with more activities.</p> <p>They plan to promote Neighbourhood Watch, Burswood Residents Association, WA Police, local businesses, Town of Victoria Park, and Mirvac (encouraging stands and attendance at the event where possible).</p> <p>They will promote the event to every resident on the Burswood Peninsula Neighbourhood and will have activities for all age groups. The Mayor and Councillors will be invited to attend.</p>			
<p>Panel Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly recommend this application be supported for this local community event in Burswood. • The application has a strong focus on community safety and overall social connection. • Very strong attendance from previous similar events and strong community support and was well attended by services. • Community safety is a significant priority for the Town. • Great for the Town to support a community led event focused on community connection and community safety. <p>The panel recommends funding of \$6,448.20</p>			

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/60)	Requested funding
The Vic Park Collective Incorporated	Electrify Vic Park	40	\$5,935.50

The requested funding is to electrify Victoria Park through the following:

- Capacity building and knowledge sharing of electrification in Victoria Park.
- Finding residents who have basically electrified their houses with solar, reverse cycle A/C, induction cooking, heat pump water heaters, EV charging.
- Assistance to Victoria Park residents on developing an electrification plan for their houses.
- Initial scoping of community/energy storage projects and electrification of community infrastructure.

The above will be done through a community engagement program, developing material that can be used by the community to effect change in their own houses. They plan to educate the community and provide links to organisations and people who can help. As the project is deployed in practical terms, they will work to quantify impacts and the Town can utilise that as part of the messaging around environmental impacts.

They will work to disseminate information on GHG emissions, developing household decarbonisation pathways and putting in place a program to update and upgrade applications within households. They will explore the viability of community power, community battery storage and engage with businesses in the local area to explore ways in which mid-scale solar deployments can be implemented. They plan to engage with both State and Federal agencies to do this and get support from Western Power/Synergy.

The overall aim is to enable the electrification of at least 100 homes within the Town of Victoria Park and provide a roadmap for deployment of community power assets at a district level. The workshop they are planning provides them with the tools for households to do so and advice on how best to deploy. They will explore how they can get support from State and Federal government for grant programs to help households make the switch to electrification and they will see how they can work with the Town in order to put in place regulations and guidance for new developments in particular (I.e. planning regulations to encourage electrification and use of rooftop solar. They seek to run this workshop in October/November this year.

Panel Assessment:

- Could be a very powerful community led project with lasting and long reaching impacts.
- The project is directly linked to one of Council's focus areas of environment and sustainability.
- Strong volunteer base from Vic Park Collective and aiming for participation across the wider Victoria Park community.

The panel recommends funding of \$5,935.50

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/60)	Requested funding
Western Australian Seabird Rescue Incorporated	River Rescue Weekends	40	\$4,441.00
<p>The Western Australian Seabird Rescue (WASR) is requesting funding to deliver community education and foreshore rescue activities in Victoria Park and Burswood. They currently dispatch volunteers to the Town of Victoria Park around 80 times each year and has several regular volunteers who live in the area.</p> <p>The funding is specifically requested for the upgrade of educational materials and signage, personal protective equipment (PPE), rescue gear, and to contribute towards volunteer fuel costs. If funded, these will be used for community event attendance, and proactive foreshore patrols and outreach.</p> <p>Panel Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project aligns well to Town's Strategic Community Plan. • Supports wildlife rescue particularly in Burswood foreshore which is a hotspot for reporting. • Opportunity to build connections with community members and interest in volunteering. • The educational materials and signage will be used at Have a Go Day, Optus Stadium Christmas Markets, school fetes, and Rotary Victoria Park Markets. • Proactive patrols provide an opportunity for volunteers and staff to engage with the local community. • Raise awareness about the importance of seabird and water conservation. <p>The panel recommends funding of \$4,441.00</p>			

9. 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/60)	Requested funding
Dave Lindner and Narelle Douglas	Vic Park Singalong	38	\$4,800.00

(auspiced by Connect Victoria Park Incorporated)			
<p>The requested funding is to engage and allow a musical artist/s to utilise the Dutch Trading Company to provide a monthly evening of singalong music to the attending audience, thereby developing community wellbeing, networking, and local patronage.</p> <p>They are seeking funding for a twelve-month pilot of this project. This will be enough time to create a solid 'core-group' of people who can contribute this community event into the future.</p>			
<p>Panel Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project aligns to the Strategic Community Plan (health and wellbeing, civic leadership and sustainability). • Will be a fun and interactive project, that links people socially as well as musically/creatively. • The project will develop community wellbeing, networking, and local patronage. • Overall supportive of the project. <p>The panel recommends funding of \$4,800.00</p>			

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/60)	Requested funding
Friends of Jirdarup Bushland (auspiced by South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare)	Friends of Jirdarup Bushland Website renewal	37	\$6,600.00
<p>The requested funding is to transfer their current website and related emails to a new host and to update that website to a professional and attractive form that provides information for the public and interaction for people concerned with conservation and regeneration of the Jirdarup Bushland.</p> <p>The current website (Friends of Jirdarup website) and emails were set up in 2020 on a private provider's server to meet our immediate needs and has had additional information added by volunteers. It needs to be transferred from the private platform and requires several additional features and streamlining of the architecture to improve functionality.</p>			
<p>Panel Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive of the website upgrade for Friends of Jirdarup 			

- The project aligns to the Town’s Strategic Community Plan.
- Will build capacity of local community members.
- Good idea and would support them to be sustainable and showcase their resources to the wider community. There is more positioning by the group to increase community engagement and awareness via a new website.
- The project will help to potentially increase the number of people who are able to learn about the group and its activities in a modern and refined template.

The panel recommends funding of \$6,600.00

11. 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/60)	Requested funding
The Haven Centre Incorporated	The Haven – Christmas Day Lunch and Food Hampers	37	\$6,495.00

The Haven Centre Inc. is requesting funding to allow the Haven to continue to meet increased need through the provision of daily fresh meals and food hampers to those in need and homeless.

They will be purchasing food and packaging items to make package meals which are given out daily to those doing it rough. The food hampers are provided free of charge to individuals and families. They are also requesting Christmas lunch provisions for 2023.

The grant would allow the Haven to continue meeting the needs of all community members who are in need.

Panel Assessment:

- The project helps people feel safe and aligns with the Town’s Homelessness Policy and Plan.
- Most of the services provided by volunteers are residents of the Town.
- The Haven has connection with other support services and businesses in the local area as well as collaboration with local business.
- The Haven has been operating for more than seven years and services are provided five days a week and are always fully utilised.
- The need for this service has increased and is needed in the community.

The panel recommends funding of \$6,495.00

12. 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/60)	Requested funding
Carlisle/Victoria Park Toy Library Incorporated	Lets Play!	36	\$8,465.29
<p>The grant will fund new board games and quarterly board game workshops aimed at new and existing toy library families and community members. A focus for the workshops will be helping families discover the pleasure in playing games with their children and other family members. This includes families where English is their second language, families that have or know someone who would otherwise be marginalised through disabilities.</p> <p>The newest game they have was purchased in 2020 and they have no games that are age appropriate for adults or families to play together. Most of the games in the library are board games targeted at two- to three-year-olds and the games section largely consists of puzzles.</p> <p>The Carlisle/Victoria Park Toy Library offer the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite local seniors from the Victoria Park Community Centre to visit the library and the games range on offer to borrow. • Free to borrow games to be provided to the Activate Mental Health group – Board games club. • Free to borrow games for the local cafes in Lathlain. Families and adults can play games whilst having a coffee or breakfast. 			
<p>Panel Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Toy library aligns well with the Town’s Strategic Community Plan. • The workshops will be provided for a range of community members and linked into other community organisations. • Will bring a wide range of the community together as part of this initiative. • Supporting family orientated neighbourhood. • Would enable more games to be loaned out at one time. • Good initiative to attract and retain members. • The panel decided to only partial fund this grant due to more funding requested than budget enabled. This could be met by simply reducing the number of games purchased. <p>The panel recommends partial funding of \$7,478.10</p>			

Community Grants Applications – Not Recommended

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

Applicant	Funding requested	Panel score	Requested funding
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	What will the Community grant be used for?	Total (x/60)	
Renee Parnell (auspiced by Victoria Park Community Centre Incorporated)	May the Fourth be with you	36	\$10,000.00
<p>The requested funding is for a Starwars event on Saturday 4th May 2024. Starwars fans will be invited to build their own foam (pool noodle), illuminating lightsabre, with Starwars cosplay and music in a local park.</p> <p>Younger fans will be invited to play Starwars adapted games such as 'capture the flag' or 'lantern stalk' in teams. The older fans will join later and there will be awards for best costume and best dual pose.</p> <p>Community organisations will be involved to run the sausage sizzle and bake sale as a fundraiser for themselves.</p>			
<p>Panel Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This initiative supports and engages young people. • Difficulty in determining how many would attend this event. • Event managed by an individual business, rather than a community group. • The budget request is very high - \$5,000 going towards the project manager. • \$10,000 is a large amount of money for this type of event. • No quotes received for items over \$500.00 			

14. 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/60)	Requested funding
Indian Society of WA Incorporated	ISWA Diwali Mela 2023	32	\$10,000.00
<p>Indian Society of WA Inc. are requesting funding towards their ISWA festival. This event will be held over two days, 4 and 5th November 2023 at the Burswood Park from 3pm to 9.30pm. The event will encourage youth and all ages to participate and share the rich and vibrant cultural heritage of India to the wider Western Australian community.</p> <p>This will be a free event which will have shopping stalls, food stalls, DJ and dances, different rides, and games. It will be a Smoke-free and alcohol-free family event. They are anticipating approximately 20,000 to 25,000 people to attend over the two days.</p> <p>The event will promote and showcase Indian culture and legacy through food, art, and various cultural presentations, to the wider Western Australian community.</p>			

Panel Assessment:

- Limited supporting information provided. No explanation what they wanted the Town to specifically fund.
- There were no quotes or project plan with the application.
- They are still able to run the program without the Town's funding.
- The application better aligns to a Sponsorship program due to it being a large-scale event.

15. 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/60)	Requested funding
On My Feet Ltd	Four Part Healthy Lifestyle Workshop Series	30	\$10,000.00

The requested funding is for a series of four workshops presented by allied health professionals. They are providing these workshops to transition vulnerable Australians from shelter to self-sufficiency. Education and improved physical and mental health are key requirements for them to return to life of self-sufficiency.

The workshops will cover the following:

- Workshop One - Concept of Wellness (Seven dimensions)
- Workshop Two – Physical Wellness
- Workshop Three – Emotional Wellness
- Workshop Four – Social Wellness

Panel Assessment:

- Project targets wider community particularly for those who are vulnerable, however it is unlikely that vulnerable community members would attend the workshops as outlined in the proposal.
- Initiative connects to the Town's health and wellbeing focus.
- Initiative will only benefit 30 people for \$10,000, which is not considered good value for money for the residents.
- This proposal seems to duplicate other programs already existing in the Town.
- Limited indication of current community-need for programming of this nature.