



# 2021-2022 Community Grants Program

Information Session

Wednesday 18 June 2021

# Review of the Community Grants Program

1. Online application form for each grant category
2. Simpler / straightforward online application for in-kind support (venue and transport)
3. Clear languages regarding questions in the form
4. Quick Response Grant
5. Limit to the number of applications to fund
6. Cap on the amount to apply

# Funding main categories

## **Community Capacity Building (annual grant) up to \$15,000**

- Social & cultural activities / events
- Minor equipment purchase (up to \$2,000)
- Environmental initiatives and programs
- Health & wellbeing activities
- Organised physical activities
- Programs addressing priorities announced by Council as part of releasing the community grants program

## Funding main categories (Cont.)

### **Partnership Grant (triennial) up to \$50,000**

- Collaborations that strengthen community awareness, resilience and capacity
- Multi-year projects that deal with complex issues
- Interventions that prevent disadvantage or social harm
- Programs that address financial hardship and deliver basic human needs
- Programs addressing priorities announced by Council as part of releasing the community grants program

# Funding main categories (Cont.)

## Quick Response Grant up to \$1,000

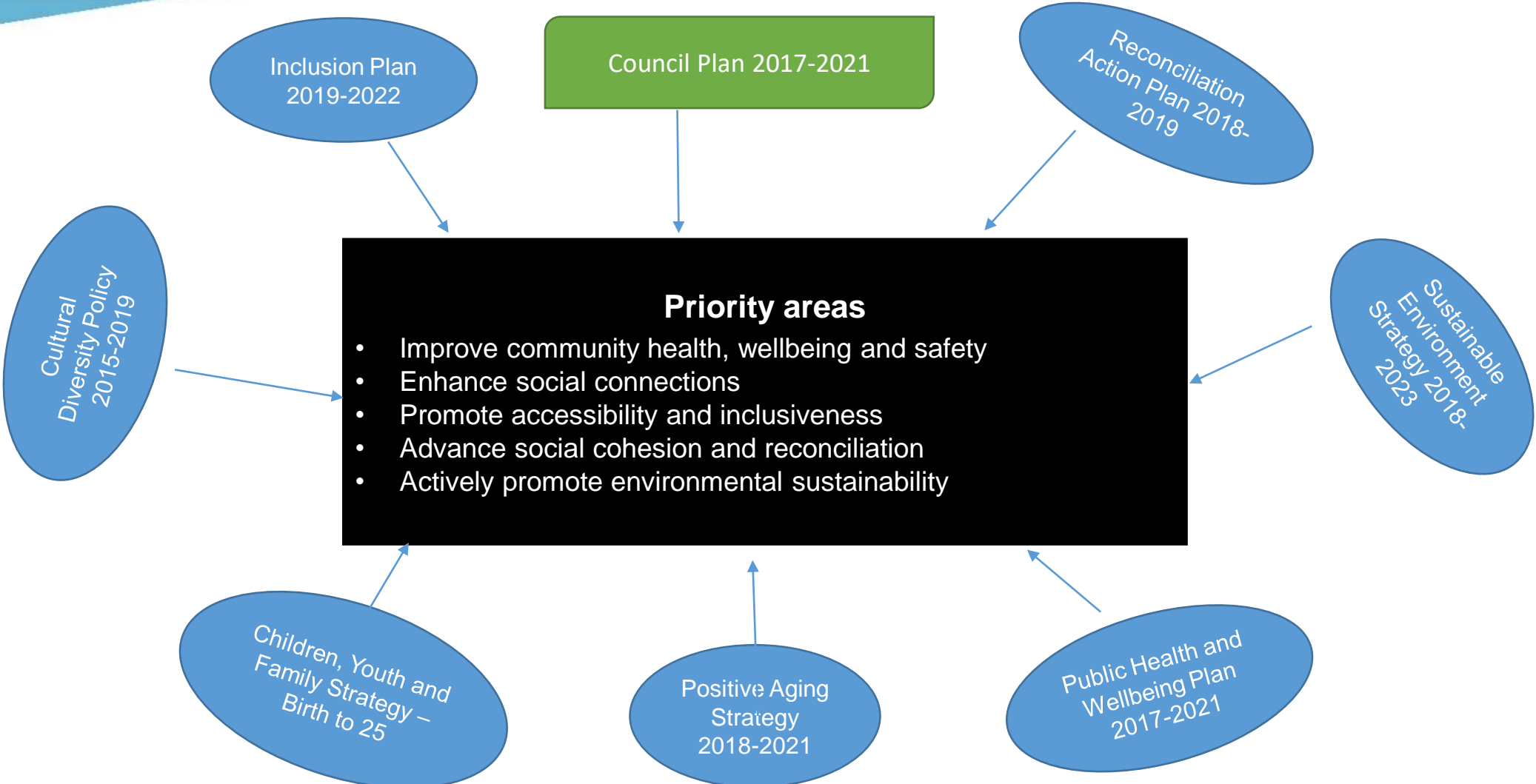
- unforeseen events or urgent issues
- Council's support and benefits a community group and/or the wider Stonnington community
- groups requiring small assistance to get a new project running or host a small community activity
- groups that have missed out on annual grants due to circumstances beyond their control

# Funding main categories (Cont.)

## In-kind Grant

1. Community Transport Service
  - Self Drive Mini Bus Hire
  - Day Trip
  - Regular Weekly Service Users
  - Community Transport Roster allocated on a calendar year (January – December)
2. Venue hire

# Council Priorities & Strategic Direction



## Eligibility & non-eligibility criteria (cont.)

- Can the Community Grants be used to cover staff salary, administrative costs?
  - Yes if that there is strong evidence that the program would not go ahead without staff support.
  - Yes if you are using a consultant/specialists to deliver projects/services.
- Can the Community Grants fund capital work projects?
  - No



# Applications Assessment Process – Scoring system

## 1. Strategic Alignment – 30%

- Clearly defined objectives and outcomes
- Alignment with one or more priorities in the Council Plan or other key Council strategies
- Minimal to zero impacts

## 2. Community Benefit – 25%

- What is the issue to resolve with evidence justifying the need for undertaking this project or program
- How the issue/problem will be resolved
- Substance benefits

## 3. Community Engagement – 20%

- Community support (e.g. evidence of engagement, support letter)
- Steps to increase/enhance/sustain participation

## 4. Project Management – 25%

- Project or program delivery
- Budget alignment with the funding requirements
- Plan to respond to COVID-19 restrictions (in case of another lockdown)

# Key Council contacts for projects/activities with focus on particular areas

Name	Assistance with	Contact
Me'ad Assan	General enquiries and advice regarding the Community Grants program or SmartyGrants system	8290 1255
Alana Lucas	Programs for people with disability Inclusion Plan 2019-2022	8290 1192
Aysin Akdeniz	Programs for culturally and linguistically diverse communities Cultural Diversity Policy 2015-2019	8290 3373
Rebecca Nichols	Environmental programs Sustainable Environment Strategy 2018-2023 Waste Management Guidelines	8290 2051
Edele Harrison	Programs for children, young people and families Children, Youth and Family Strategy – Birth to 25	8290 3343
Jodie Dewhurst	Programs for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people or focused on reconciliation Reconciliation Action Plan 2018-2020	8290 5001
Julie Fry	Programs for older people Positive Ageing Strategy 2018-2021	8290 1016
Barry Hills	Community Transport (bus hire)	8290 3349
Venues booking team	To book Council owned venues	8290 1213

For Harold Holt Swim Centre and Prahran Aquatic Centre (contact – 8290 1678), Grattan Gardens Community Centre and Chris Gahan Centre (contact – 8290 1460) and Toorak South Yarra Library Meeting Room (contact- 8290 8002).

# Application process

- Read guidelines and other relevant documents
- Register SmartyGrants account
- Have essential documentation and evidence to support your project
- Contact us if you have questions
- Be concise and clear in your answers
- Submit your application as early as possible

# Thank you

## Contact details

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Do you have  
questions?