

2022-23 Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund by organisation and location

Account Name	Project LGA	Current Amount Contracted
Polish Sporting Recreation and Community Association Inc.	Brimbank	\$106,976.00
Eritrean Orthodox Association in Australia	Brimbank	\$156,990.00
Daarul Arqam Australia	Casey	\$48,000.00
Free to Feed	Darebin	\$91,069.00
Sikh Volunteers Australia Incorporated	Frankston	\$250,000.00
City of Greater Dandenong	Greater Dandenong	\$100,000.00
Australia Ceylon Fellowship Inc	Greater Dandenong	\$250,000.00
Cambodian Buddhist Association of Victoria Inc	Greater Dandenong	\$250,000.00
Philippine Fiesta of Victoria Inc	Hobsons Bay	\$150,000.00
AIDA VICTORIA	Hobsons Bay	\$150,000.00
Newport Islamic Society	Hobsons Bay	\$250,000.00
Maltese Association Hobsons Bay Inc.	Hobsons Bay	\$50,000.00
Nepali Community Center	Hume	\$281,587.00
Kali Mata Mandir Craigieburn VIC	Hume	\$150,202.00
North Victorian Buddhist Association	Hume	\$100,000.00
Hume City Council	Hume	\$36,545.00
Hume City Council	Hume	\$8,840.00
The Benevolent Association of Nafpaktians	Kingston (Vic.)	\$25,000.00
Shree Swaminarayan Temple Melbourne Inc	Knox	\$243,750.00
Eastern Districts Polish Association	Knox	\$103,750.00
Museum of Chinese Australian History	Melbourne	\$100,000.00
Nafsika Stamoulis Hellenic Museum Limited	Melbourne	\$33,780.00
The Lefcadian Brotherhood "Lefcada"	Moreland	\$27,268.00
St Kilda Hebrew Congregation	Port Phillip	\$100,000.00
Greek Orthodox Parish of St Konstantine and Helen	Stonnington	\$64,845.00
Sikh Community of Western Victoria	Wyndham	\$126,692.00
Asian Business Association of Wyndham	Wyndham	\$6,723.00
Melbourne Karen Buddhist Association Inc.	Moorabool	\$97,890.00
Russian House Melbourne Inc.	Yarra	\$85,497.00
Societa' Isole Eolie	Yarra	\$25,000.00
North Cyprus Turkish Community of Victoria	Brimbank	\$500,000

c) Can you also provide a list of the Multicultural Festival and Events program in 2022-23?

In the 2022-23 MFE program, the following number of grants and funding amounts were allocated according to the LGA of the successful organisations:

Organisation LGA	Number of grants approve	Sum of Amount Approved
Melbourne	29	\$
Monash	45	\$
Wyndham	31	\$
Yarra	25	\$
Moreland	12	\$
Brimbank	18	\$
Maroondah	6	\$
Darebin	21	\$
Knox	13	\$
Hume	20	\$
Casey	24	\$
Greater Shepparton	6	\$
Greater Bendigo	9	\$
Maribyrnong	15	\$
Banyule	3	\$
Greater Dandenong	18	\$
Whitehorse	21	\$
Kingston (Vic.)	9	\$
Melton	14	\$
Benalla	1	\$
Frankston	7	\$
Boroondara	6	\$
Glen Eira	13	\$
Moonee Valley	5	\$
Bayside (Vic.)	10	\$
Whittlesea	14	\$
Hobsons Bay	9	\$
South Gippsland	1	\$
Port Phillip	6	\$
Ballarat	6	\$ 19,700
Golden Plains Shire Council	1	\$ 16,000
Manningham	8	\$ 16,000
Cardinia	6	\$ 15,899
Hepburn	1	\$ 14,244
Greater Geelong	5	\$ 10,334
Stonnington	3	\$ 9,000
Surf Coast	2	\$ 5,480
Latrobe (Vic.)	2	\$ 4,000
Nillumbik	2	\$ 4,000
Wodonga	2	\$ 4,000

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Yarra Ranges	2	\$	4,000
Colac Otway	1	\$	2,000
Horsham Rural City Council	1	\$	2,000
Macedon Ranges	1	\$	2,000
Mildura Rural City Council	1	\$	2,000
Statewide	1	\$	2,000
Swan Hill	1	\$	2,000
Loddon Shire Council	1	\$	1,700

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PORTFOLIO: YOUTH

Witnesses:

- Peta McCammon
- Louise Perry

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTION 16

On youth, the 2021–22 budget provided funding to support young Victorians at risk of disengagement from the community, including those from culturally diverse backgrounds and also from Aboriginal backgrounds.

- Can you provide a complete list and description of all the programs that were delivered under that funding?
- Can you provide any sort of feedback or criticisms of the programs that you received, and the success of them?

Danny O'BRIEN: Okay. That might be a question for us to ask the minister. Just on youth, the 2021–22 budget provided funding to support young Victorians at risk of disengagement from the community, including those from culturally diverse backgrounds and also from Aboriginal backgrounds. Can you provide a complete list and description of all the programs that were delivered under that funding?

Louise PERRY: Not here today, but I am very happy to do that. Was that the supporting at-risk young people package?

Danny O'BRIEN: Yes. Page 47 of the 2021–22 budget, and the same for the Aboriginal children as well. If you are happy to provide that information –

Louise PERRY: I am happy to provide that information.

Danny O'BRIEN: And any sort of feedback or criticisms of the programs that you received, and the success of them – if you could provide some information on that, that would be wonderful.

Louise PERRY: Anything we have got that does not identify anyone in particular.

Danny O'BRIEN: Thank you.

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Name of Committee members asking question: Danny O'Brien

RESPONSE**Answer a)**

The 2021-22 Victorian Budget provided funding to support young Victorians at risk of disengagement through two packages in the Youth portfolio:

- The **Engaging and Supporting At-Risk Young People** package provided **\$18.4 million** over two years to build protective factors around young people at risk of disengagement, including African and Pasifika young people. These investments are also designed to strengthen and build social cohesion and provide access to opportunities and services for young people and their families.
- The **Strengthening Youth Participation and Connection** package provided **\$6.9 million** over two years for programs which aimed to provide access to equitable opportunities to rural and regional young people. This included funding for the Marram Nganyin Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Program.

Key programs and initiatives supporting young people from multicultural communities and Aboriginal communities as part of this investment are:

- **Community Support Groups (CSGs)** – six CSGs engaged and supported more than 3,000 South Sudanese, Somali and Afghan young people and their families annually across the north, west and southeast of Melbourne. Support was provided through referrals to community services and relevant agencies. CSGs provide holistic family support packages and parenting programs, sport and recreation activities to engage young people, with a focus on culture and religion.
- **Le Mana Pasifika Project (Le Mana)** – delivered by the Centre for Multicultural Youth, Le Mana provided direct intervention and support to Pasifika young people and their families to improve engagement and support, including in schools, community-based youth programs and through individual casework.
- **Marram Nganyin Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Program (AYMP)** – delivered in partnership with the Youth Affairs Council Victoria and the Koorie Youth Council, this initiative provided community-led mentoring programs delivered by five Aboriginal-led organisations across Victoria. The program enabled Aboriginal young people to build connection to culture and community, enhance life skills, wellbeing and strengthen education, and provide training and employment pathways.

A suite of specialist services to compliment the work of CSGs and Le Mana provided wraparound supports and sport and recreation activities to the most at-risk young people who engaged with these programs, including alcohol and other drug support. Organisations funded to provide wraparound supports included:

- **Youth Support and Advocacy Service** – provided alcohol and other drug support to young people experiencing disengagement, from predominantly African and Pasifika backgrounds.
- **Foundation House** – employed trauma-informed mental health and wellbeing practices to address critical barriers to effective social and economic participation experienced by South Sudanese and other African Australian young people.
- **Western Bulldogs Community Foundation** – supported the delivery of the GOAL Mentoring Program, improving young people's education outcomes, employment opportunities and access to services through mentoring and leadership programs for young people from African backgrounds.
- **The Huddle** – provided opportunities for African and Pasifika young people to partner with North Melbourne Football Club players with the aim of improving social cohesion, education outcomes, employment opportunities and access to services that contributed to an increase in social capital.

Answer b)

The programs listed above have produced positive outcomes for young people at risk of disengagement. Feedback on, and evidence of, successful delivery include:

- Six CSGs supported more than 3,000 young people in 2021-22, delivering activities and supports that they reported to have improved their health and wellbeing, and provide opportunities for recreation, education, training, and employment.
- Le Mana provided direct intervention and support to over 800 Pasifika young people annually. In 2022-23, Le Mana worked with 16 schools across Melbourne to facilitate interventions, cultural capacity building and support. Young people were supported in areas including employment, educational engagement, cultural safety, family and community connection.
- The CSGs and Le Mana were found to be effective by an independent evaluation in 2022. Improvements to the program's alignment to Government outcomes and the measurement of outcomes to better capture positive impacts were suggested and have since been implemented.
- The CSGs and Le Mana (including the funded wraparound services) are facing growing demand for support from multicultural young people and their families. CSGs are increasingly providing critical assistance to young people and families to access and navigate other essential services such as housing, settlement, employment and educational services.
- The delivery of 25 cultural events, excursions and camps to support Aboriginal young peoples sense of cultural identity through participation in the AYMP program in 2021-22. Feedback from Aboriginal communities, including via the Koorie Youth Council, confirm the importance of the program in delivering community-led, culturally safe mentoring which builds strength in culture and connection to community.

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PORTFOLIO: HOUSING

Witnesses:

- Peta McCammon
- Simon Newport

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTION 17

a) Can you provide engineering or condition assessment reports of the towers (that are going to be demolished)?

Ellen SANDELL: So do we know when the last condition reports were done of the towers – within the last five years?

Simon NEWPORT: No. There certainly have been reports that have examined – I have obviously not read every single one of the reports. I have read at least three or four of them in detail. There are reports obviously that exist which go through the condition. We have all heard about the \$2.3 billion projected figure that would be required to at least maintain the properties in some element of working order. That was the genesis of that number, that series of reports.

Ellen SANDELL: And so there are no reports that are publicly available or could be provided to the committee, such as engineering reports, condition assessments?

Peta McCAMMON: I know we have got a number of inquiries for documents, so we are happy to take that on notice.

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Name of Committee members asking question: Ellen SANDELL

RESPONSE

Answer:

On 15 Nov 2023, the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) was informed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet of an Order to Produce Documents which encompassed the information requested in this Question on Notice. This order to produce process documents is being conducted in conjunction with the Victorian Solicitor General's Office. The release of any documentation relating to engineering or condition assessments will be via this process. The Committee will be informed of the progress of this process and be provided with documentation accordingly.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTION 18

a) Can you provide a breakdown of market versus affordable housing for ground lease 1 and 2 sites?

Ellen SANDELL: Sorry, I am just confused because you were saying that 100 per cent of ground lease 1 and 2 is social housing.

Simon NEWPORT: No, no, no, sorry. Ground lease models 1 and 2 are that the properties are building the consortia and run in management by a community housing provider. I gave you the social housing component, which will be a subset of that.

Ellen SANDELL: Understood. So do you have figures for the remaining houses on those sites that are not social housing – the breakdown of market versus affordable?

Simon NEWPORT: I would have to take that on notice. I think I have only got that on an individual project-by-project basis.

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Name of Committee members asking question: Ellen SANDELL

RESPONSE

Answer:

The Ground Lease Model 1 program will deliver 669 new social, 354 affordable and 346 market rental homes.

- The Flemington site includes 290 social homes and 354 affordable homes, including 7 Specialist Disability Accommodation.
- The Brighton site includes 151 social housing and 140 market rental homes, including 8 Specialist Disability Accommodation.
- The Prahran site includes 228 social homes and 206 market rental homes, including 11 Specialist Disability Accommodation.

Across the four Ground Lease Model 2 program sites, more than 650 social homes, 180 affordable homes, 470 market rental homes and 55 Specialist Disability Accommodation homes will be delivered. This is a 31 per cent increase in social housing across the sites.

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PORTFOLIO: HOUSING

Witnesses:

- Peta McCammon
- Simon Newport

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTION 19

a) Can you provide a breakdown of the \$939 million for grants and other expense transfers, page 199 of the 2022–23 annual report?

Ellen SANDELL: Okay. Thank you so much. So in the annual report for DFFH 2022–23 the financial statements show an expenditure of \$939 million for grants and other expense transfers. Could you tell us what is contained in that category? So it is on page 199 of the 2022–23 annual report, \$939 million for ‘Grants and other expense transfers’.

Peta McCAMMON: Sorry, that is the DFFH rather than –

Simon NEWPORT: Look, I would have to provide all of that detail. I have got here a note that says that that additional increase is resulting from the Social Housing Growth Fund. I would have to check and provide you with the detail, but I would say that that is the Social Housing Growth Fund and other funding arrangements that flow out of Homes Victoria.

Ellen SANDELL: Thank you.

Simon NEWPORT: I do not have a specific breakdown of what that \$939 million is here in front of me.

Ellen SANDELL: Are you able to provide it?

Simon NEWPORT: Of course.

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Name of Committee members asking question: Ellen SANDELL

RESPONSE

Answer:

- Grant funding is money given to not-for-profit organisations for specified purposes. Grant funding directed at achieving goals and objectives consistent with government policy.

- Homes Victoria distributed \$939.5 million in grant funding to multiple community housing agencies (mainly from the Social Housing Growth Fund) and providers of homelessness and family support services in 2022-23. A breakdown is provided below:

Grant funding category	Amount (\$m)
Housing	466.0
Homelessness	345.5
Family Violence	128.0
Total	939.5

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PORTFOLIO: WOMEN

Witnesses:

- Peta McCammon
- Louise Perry

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTION 20

a) The 2022–23 budget papers include an output for supporting gender equality and better outcomes for women across economic security, safety, leadership, health, wellbeing, everything – amazing. What are the big-ticket items under that initiative?

Lauren KATHAGE: If I have time, I just want to touch on some questions about women if that is okay and equality, gender equality. The 2022–23 budget papers include an output for supporting gender equality and better outcomes for women across economic security, safety, leadership, health, wellbeing, everything – amazing. What are the big-ticket items under that initiative?

Peta McCAMMON: We have got Ms Perry back again. I think Lou can talk to us a bit about some of the economic programs that are being rolled out. Also, I think the gender equality commissioner is a really important part of this as well in terms of the accountabilities back to the public sector in terms of employment, pay equity, which I know we have talked about at this committee before as well. But perhaps, Lou, some of the budget initiatives from the last two years –

Louise PERRY: Absolutely.

Peta McCAMMON: because we know also obviously gender equality has a direct impact to family violence, so it remains a really critical area of focus from a prevention point of view as well. Oh, sorry. I did not do that deliberately, I promise. ...

Peta McCAMMON: We are happy to take that on notice. Sorry, Lou.

Hearing Transcript, p. 41-42

Name of Committee members asking question: Lauren Kathage

RESPONSE

Answer:

The 2022-23 State Budget invested \$8.4 million over three years to advance gender equality (Source: 2022-23, BP3, p. 39; 52; 52-53). The investment supported a range of initiatives outlined below:

- \$3.1 million to implement the recommendations of the Inquiry into economic equity for Victorian women. In 2022-23 the department allocated the first \$840,000 to a mix of targeted initiatives aimed at boosting

women's participation in non-traditional fields. This included projects that enable students to 'try a trade,' provide mentoring to support women already employed in energy and manufacturing to advance to more senior positions, and work with employers to promote more respectful and inclusive workplaces for women, First Nations and culturally diverse communities. Additionally, the department has partnered with Women with Disabilities Victoria, the state's leading representative body for women with disabilities, announcing a \$400,000 investment in the Sharing our Expertise project.

- \$2.7 million (comprising \$1.1 million in output funding and \$1.6 million in asset funding) to upgrade the Gender Equality Act's reporting platform and develop a dispute resolution case management system.
- \$2.4 million for the Commission for Gender Equality in the Public Sector to provide training, education and resources to conduct gender impact assessments across government.
- \$0.2 million over two years to deliver the Women of Colour leadership program. This program supports women of colour who aspire to senior executive roles.