

Make it Happen - Hobsons Bay Recovery and Reconnection Grants

Grant Focus: Ageing well (55 years and above)

Council Staff contact - applicants requesting over \$10,000 are required to contact a Council Officer to discuss your proposal. All other applicants are also encouraged to discuss proposals.	
1. Officer: Peter Doull	2. Position: Coordinator – Community Support
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Grant Focus	
Grants under this focus area provide financial assistance to community organisations and groups for activities and projects that foster the social, health and wellbeing needs of older residents (55 years and over).	
Priorities/Criteria	
Applications should address one or more of the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community building in the context of COVID-19 • Supporting older person’s health, wellbeing and social connection • Addressing identified needs • Organisation/group capacity building • Networks and partnerships • Assistance to vulnerable and or isolated residents 	
Example applications/proposals	
Projects that address identified local needs or emerging issues. Partnerships between community groups are encouraged.	Older resident’s online social connection programs
Enhancement or creation of Networks/Support Groups that provide peer support, information exchange, guest speakers on issues relevant to older adults	Neighbourhood based projects that assist/support vulnerable residents
Projects to support lifelong learning	Projects that reduce social isolation and build local connections
Projects that foster intergenerational activities	Projects that support ageing carers
Projects that develop digital and technology skills and assist in addressing the “digital divide”	Partnerships between older person’s community groups that support committees, governance, leadership and succession planning.
Items/proposals that are ineligible	
One- off outings	Funding for existing senior’s club activities and events