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Dandenong Ranges Emergency Relief Service Inc.	Chandler, Lyster, Streeton	Here to Help	Operational funding to provide a range of professional emergency relief services (Monday to Friday) and a drop-in centre for residents of the Dandenong Ranges to support clients who are vulnerable, disadvantaged, and at-risk of, or experiencing homelessness.  DRERS aims to prevent and respond to homelessness, provide food to people experiencing food insecurity, reduce stress on families to decrease the likelihood of family violence or child neglect, provide referrals, information, and advocacy, and respond to emergencies by providing appropriate assistance. Support is provided by skilled professionals including financial management, accountability, and compliance, recruitment, management, training and support of volunteers, and case management.	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$120,000.00
Yarra Valley ECOSS	O'Shannassy, Streeton	Yarra Valley ECOSS	Yarra Valley ECOSS is a multi-faceted Community Environment Hub which supports a range of community programs, hands-on education programs, festivals, support staff, onsite co-locaters, and a team of dedicated volunteers. The grant will resource the Executive Officer to support existing partnerships (such as Koha Cafe, Oonah Tuckerbag Program, Urban Farmer, Melba Support Services, Interchange Outer East, Recovery Options, and Sarina Russo Employment Services) and programs, in addition to expanding ECOSS's reach including developing new partnerships and overseeing new programs and projects onsite.	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$72,000.00
Eastern Community Legal Centre (ECLC)	All	Improving prevention, community education and access to justice in Yarra Ranges	This Project will support ECLC to reach those in the community experiencing the highest levels of vulnerability and disadvantage and Yarra Ranges-wide. Priority communities for ECLC include First Nations Peoples, people at risk of, or experiencing family violence, young people, older people at risk of experiencing elder abuse, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, people with a disability or mental illness, people experiencing homelessness and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.  In addition to the ongoing provision of quality legal advice, education, maintenance of ongoing partnerships and establishment of new partnerships, ECLC aim to establish a climate justice program, build capacity within the YRERN network, develop a comprehensive Social Media, Consent and Law training package and build on the Laying the Foundations for a School Lawyer project, to continue to collect evidence and advocate for local school lawyer programs in Yarra Ranges.	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$88,000.00
Healesville Interchurch Community Care Inc	Ryrie	HICCI Emergency Relief Program	Will help maintain the Emergency Relief (ER) Program and support the increasing needs of people in Healesville, Yarra Glen & surrounding areas with practical services such as staple pantry items, fresh food, vouchers for food & fuel, public transport tickets, and bill relief, support with community connection and referral to relevant services such as Centrelink, Interest-Free Free Loans, applications for the \$250 Power Saving Bonus & referral to other resources as required. The ER Program aims to reduce the risk of homelessness by sharing burdens associated with the cost of living. The program provides care and non-judgmental support for those in need with the aim of guiding and empowering people to stand on their own feet and instil self-worth and improve mental health.	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$160,000.00
Mooroolbark Umbrella Group	Melba	Mooroolbark Community Connect	Funding is sought for the continuation, growth and expansion of the "Community Connect Project" located at Shop 16 in the Terrace Shopping Centre, in the heart of the Mooroolbark shopping precinct. Through funded coordination hours the project will continue to provide low-cost access for community groups, a place for community to connect, an emergency food cupboard in partnership with Goodness Gracious Network, a home for the Chin Community's after-school homework club and workshops, free book/DVD exchange and volunteer recruitment opportunities.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00

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Outer East Foodshare (OEF)	All	Support for food distribution operations	OEF funding will support running costs associated with the organisation's refrigerated food van which assists with the transport of food between food providers (Foodbank Victoria, OzHarvest, SecondBite) and relief agencies within the Yarra Ranges. Funding would also support the establishment of a food distribution centre to enable additional food to be collected and stored to support a consistent distribution cycle each week. The centre will also have a kitchen, fridge, and freezer enabling OEF and community partners to cook and distribute food for the benefit of emergency relief agencies and store perishable items on behalf of smaller agencies. In addition, OEF intends to provide workshops on a variety of topics e.g. food management, reducing food waste	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00
Community Support and Information Victoria (CISVic) - Yarra Ranges Branch	All	Delivery of targeted support services to the Yarra Ranges community	CIS Yarra Ranges is a small, yet effective service which has been supporting the local community for over forty years through the provision of holistic support for vulnerable and disadvantaged community members who are experiencing crisis including referrals to other services. We provide practical support in the form of food vouchers, medical expenses, prescriptions payments, material goods, assistance with essential school items and costs, warm blankets for the homeless in winter, sanitary products, toiletries, and cleaning products. Additionally, we advocate on behalf of our clients for things such as affordable payment plans for utility bills. Partnership funding will enable us to maintain and expand services currently offered to meet increased demand due to homelessness, social isolation, and mental health needs within the community. CIS Yarra Ranges is the only secular service providing emergency relief in the region.	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$120,000.00
Mt Evelyn Community House and Reading Room	Billanook	Empowering Carers	Mount Evelyn Community House funding will develop the carer activities currently offered by recruiting a skilled staff member to establish new partnerships and maintain existing relationships with carers, service providers and tutors. Development of the carers' hub will include additional carer engagement opportunities and upskilling in the areas of health and wellbeing, advocacy, financial and digital literacy with further opportunities offered, informed by carer needs. Evaluation will be built into programming designed to share insights into the world of carers and the supports that enhance their positive journeys.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00
Oonah Health and Community Services Aboriginal Corporation	All	The Belonging Place	This project is a continuation of the Belonging Place project in conjunction with community engagement programs. Oonah and Yarra Ranges Council have significantly expanded the collaborative nature of their work throughout the delivery of the existing partnership agreement and to this end Oonah is committed to continuing this positive opportunity for Self Determination in the Yarra Ranges. This project ensures resources are allocated to combined events including, Reconciliation Week, Community Recovery, Emergency Response, NAIDOC Week, The Belonging Place Capital Works Project and participation in the Indigenous Advisory Committee. The Belonging Place project will expand and strengthen Oonah's as a culturally safe and welcoming place for delivery of a range of services and programs that improve health and wellbeing for our community.	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$120,000.00
Anchor Inc.	All	Rapid Response Project	The Rapid Response Project - is built from the evaluation of the previous pilot and the learnings, client voice, Council, and community voice gathered throughout the Rapid Responses Pilot four-year period. In collaboration with other services, Anchor will work to meet the most immediate needs identified by people sleeping rough in the Yarra Valley in the areas of access to food, warmth, and direct health care, secondary to housing. In addition to in-place assertive outreach, Anchor will advance the existing heat map towards a rough sleeper 'by name list' approach and location map. An adaptable map and local database will ensure, in the case of severe weather events, bushfires, and community emergency - police, ambulance, and crisis services are aware of individuals' locations, safety status, and health needs.	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$120,000.00

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Holy Fools Inc	All	Foundations Towards 2030	Holy Fools supports those experiencing homelessness and associated issues within the Yarra Ranges. Partnership funding seeks to support the Holy Fools Inc board to strengthen their organisational capacity and fundraising partnerships to deliver and create an even more significant impact across all programs and events - outreach, education research, and advocacy. With a strong base, financially and operationally, Holy Fools is committed to meeting future challenges, implementing strategy, and significantly impacting, even ending, homelessness in the Yarra Ranges.	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$32,000.00
Koha Community Cafe Inc	O'Shannassy	Koha for Community	Koha Community Cafe provides several engagement activities from the Warburton Senior Citizens Building in Warburton. Activities on offer have developed over time to now include a weekly community meal, a free public pantry, information about services and activities in the areas, a lending library of books/games, and community house-type activities. Koha provides an inclusive and welcoming venue for social connection and a way to be community led and build resilience. Koha will continue to address community needs for all ages, abilities, cultures and gender identities. There is diverse representation of the committee, our volunteers and patrons.	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$60,000.00
3MDR	Lyster	Vulnerable Volunteers	3MDR is committed to providing volunteering opportunities to more vulnerable members of our community. This includes young people [work experience, VET, VCAL & tertiary] and Centrelink recipients. 3MDR had a strong track record of working in partnership with OELLEN, SAE, and a number of local schools to provide placement opportunities for their students. Placements provide a meaningful and supported experience for our volunteers and are made possible through the support of two-part time staff who provide supervision and sign-off. With our community reopening post-Covid, we are keen to re-establish these volunteer placements with the support of partnership funding.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00
Mount Evelyn Township Group, incorporated as Mt Evelyn Township Improvement Committee Inc.	All	Township Group Support	The Township Groups which make up the YRTGN are volunteer organisations. Members have an ongoing burden of financial commitments to provide an infrastructure for the communities they serve and know that groups needing to raise funds for administrative and project costs imposes additional strain on volunteers and barriers to community activation. The YRTGN has demonstrated that delivery of a responsive community-led small grants program can make a difference between a group's demise, survival, and encouragement to grow. The network values the program and the working group that oversees the existing program.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00
Foothills Community Care Inc.	Chandler, Lyster, Streeton	Connecting Community through Meals Outreach Project	This Partnership Project will ensure the ongoing provision of 500+ healthy, nutritious meals, along with 150+ fresh food parcels, each week to residents of the Dandenong Ranges in need of an extra hand-up. Through supporting our community meals programs and our DV Peer Support Group, this Partnership Project will help ensure that Foothills remains a strong community presence, offering safe, inclusive spaces, much-needed material aid and holistic, wrap-around support, for many people dealing with a range of challenges including domestic violence, financial hardship, food insecurity, mental ill-health, homelessness and social isolation. The proposal is for partial funding for our Meals Outreach Coordinator role.	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$32,000.00

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Yarra Ranges Enterprise Centres Ltd	O'Shannassy	Lead and Strengthen the Connection between our community and businesses.	This proposal leverages YREC's successful business incubation model and expand this model to increase the delivery of services and resources across the Yarra Ranges region. YREC has established a well-recognised and respected reputation for supporting local businesses and having been successful in purchasing the property in Warburton last year, we now take a lead role representing the business community within the Upper Yarra area. This proposal seeks partnership with the Council and community to reactivate unoccupied buildings, increase delivery of services/resources for home-based businesses, support key industry sectors as they transition in response to COVID recovery and climate change, and develop partnerships to connect and collaborate with local businesses and communities through a Business Hub.	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$112,000.00
Australia Chin Community (Eastern Melbourne) Inc.	Chirnside, Melba	Chin Community Homework Club	The Chin Community Homework Club is successfully set up and running in partnership with the community. The purpose of this project is to help the children who are vulnerable, and most disadvantaged in their education due to the cultural and language barriers, family issues, lack of support at home including financial problems. More than 40 children from year one to year four are receiving this extensive support, working together with the community.	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$28,000.00
Healesville Environment Watch Inc	O'Shannassy, Ryrie	Valley to the Mountains Environmental Champions	HEWI aims to continue our successful community engagement, education and advocacy activities in the Ryrie Ward to create local champions to advocate for, and volunteer at, events to achieve a healthier environment to sustain all life on Earth. We aim to broaden our scope and extend our community engagement, education and advocacy activities to include our neighbouring O'Shannassy Ward, a similar rural area covering a large geographical area and containing similar community groups. We expect to increase within the community the: 1. level of understanding and appreciation of our natural environment, 2. a commitment to protecting it, and 3. an overall increase in physical and mental health of our participants.	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$24,000.00
Agribusiness Yarra Valley	All	Supporting regional agriculture for sustainability and success	The project will provide a business manager for AgYV to contribute to project partnerships and attract investment to the region. The business manager will plan and host events and extension activities in the region, where the agricultural community can attend and participate in the learning and sharing of knowledge, strengthen social connections in their community, improve sustainable production and increase their own resilience and community resilience to stresses and changes. The business manager will co-ordinate the dissemination of information between the agricultural community stakeholders.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00
Caladenia Dementia Care	All	Dementia Friendly Yarra Ranges	The project aims to connect with the community on a grassroots level and engage people with a lived experience of dementia to shape a truly dementia-friendly Yarra Ranges.  With a "No Wrong Door" approach - the program will Educate, Inform and Connect with those people who are already providing information to the public within the Yarra Ranges region - Community Links, Community Houses, Seniors' Groups and support these people to give clear, concise and correct information to local people living with dementia their carers. Over the four years of the partnership, the project would build upon the learnings of the previous year, using evaluation and consultation to ensure that the work being done embeds lasting change at a grassroots level that grassroots beyond the four years of the project.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00

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LinC Yarra Valley	Billanook, Chandler, Chirnside, Melba, O'Shannassy	Connected & Flourishing Communities	Funding for program coordination to continue to support for our network of over one hundred and twenty church and community volunteers. Our network is growing as the community need for food and other help grows. Our network consists of member church volunteers and community volunteers from along the Warburton Highway , Mooroolbark and Mount Evelyn. Together we provide assistance is based on the needs of the people and the volunteers available to meet those needs. We will continue to provide assistance in the form of food programs, emergency relief intake line and associated services, support for church members who offer community programs and collaborate with other agencies.	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$100,000.00
Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc T/A Healesville CoRE	Ryrie	Community Engagement on Renewable Energy Options	Healesville CoRE funding will support operational functions to deliver a range of community programs including the Home Energy Efficiency service, the existing Community Offers and possibly the Solar Saver Program, in partnership with Council. Funding would also enable the volunteer committee to seek other experienced personnel to help build the capacity of volunteers.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00
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