

### Age Friendly Communities Social Connectivity Grant Program 2020-21 – Grant Recipients

Organisation	Funded Amount	Project Description	Region
Shire of Coolgardie	\$15,000.00	The Shire of Coolgardie in partnership local community service organisations will deliver a range of free weekly activities to encourage seniors back into community life, following on from the COVID-19 restrictions that saw seniors retreat into self-isolation. Sessions will run over a three-hour period and will include group excursions; sporting activities; grocery shops; bingo; and other events. The Shire will also provide transport via their community bus to ensure that all seniors have access to the program. The project aims to re-engage seniors back into community life and have a positive lasting impact on the relationship between seniors, service providers and community members.	Goldfields
Ravensthorpe Community Resource Centre	\$14,935.00	Ravensthorpe Community Resource Centre will support remote and rural seniors to build social connectivity and inclusion through the delivery of a range of weekly activities and monthly events during 2021. Activities will include a weekly book delivery service to seniors in hospital and those who have to isolate at home, a weekly reading group, a monthly Dance Hall event, and a weekly computer club.	Goldfields
City of Albany	\$15,000.00	The City of Albany will pilot pop up “Library Lounges” at shopping centres located in Yakamia, Lange and Spencer Park. Both these shopping centres have high densities of seniors living within the surrounding suburbs and are located on public transport routes. The pop up lounge will be open Monday to Friday, 10am – 2pm for three weeks in each location and will be staffed by a mix of City staff, Be Connected volunteers, and members of local interest groups and clubs which cater to seniors. The Lounge will provide access to a range of information on City of Albany programs and initiatives that target seniors. There will also be a number of mindfulness activities on offer and allocated times for seniors to access help with various digital technology.	Great Southern

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Obbo Community Development Association of Western Australia Inc.	\$12,650.00	Obbo Community Development Association Of Western Australia Inc. will run an IT program for older people in the CaLD community. The project will focus on educating seniors on how to stay socially connected with families and friends through the use of social media platforms such as WhatsApp, Facebook, Skype and Zoom. Organisation volunteers will run the sessions and will provide one-on-one time for those participants who need additional help. The aim of the project is to increase seniors' sense of respect, feelings of safety, and promote opportunities for social, cultural and economic participation in community life as they age.	Metropolitan
City of Wanneroo	\$14,450.00	City of Wanneroo will reconnect older people with their community and build their capacity to remain connected through increased knowledge and supported skill development in the field of digital literacy. In consultation with identified seniors' groups in each local government area, the Cities of Wanneroo, Stirling and Joondalup will work in partnership to develop and implement a cohesive, sustainable approach to improving digital inclusion of seniors in a local context.	North West Metropolitan
Connect Victoria Park Inc.	\$15,000.00	Connect Victoria Park Inc. in partnership with Curtin University, Independent Living Assessment (ILA) and GLBTI Rights in Ageing Inc (GRAI) will conduct a 9-session wellness program for members of the LGBTQI+ Community aged 60 years and over. Following an introduction session there will be 7 two-hour sessions addressing Social, Cognitive, Emotional, Physical, Environmental, Spiritual and Vocational Wellbeing. Each session will include two parts providing opportunities for active participation in activities, facilitated group work and/or opportunities for learning and exchange.	South East Metropolitan
City of Fremantle	\$15,000.00	<p>City of Fremantle will run a monthly event centred on bringing people together and enabling them to reconnect over shared food and entertainment at the Fremantle Park Sports and Community Centre. The events are designed to maximise the experience for people with disability, CaLD community and older people who are at risk of social isolation. The objectives of the program are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be an age-friendly, inclusive &amp; intergenerational multicultural social gathering</li> <li>• Collaborate with local service providers for community members with complex needs to attend</li> <li>• Promote grass-roots community connections</li> </ul>	South West Metropolitan

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City of Rockingham	\$5,000.00	City of Rockingham will create a series of eight short, informative, professional 'how-to' videos on a range of contemporary information technology (IT) topics targeted towards older people in the community. Local older people will feature in the videos and provide viewers with step by step instructions on how to use certain apps and features. Topics will include internet searching, Facebook, Messenger, Skype, FaceTime, WhatsApp and Cyber Safety.	South West Metropolitan
People Who Care Inc.	\$8,390.00	People Who Care Inc. will provide an opportunity for older Aboriginal people to spend time 'on country' in regional WA. The project supports the Good Life Good Spirit framework which focuses on the concept of a person's strong inner spirit being central to having a good quality of life. The framework looks at 12 interconnecting factors including Family and Friends; Country; Community; Culture; Health; Respect; Elder Role; Supports and Services; Safety and Security; Spirituality; Future Planning; and Basic Needs. The Project aims to build social connections and individuals' capacity as they interact and negate new environments, experiences and people.	Other - Metropolitan, Peel and Wheatbelt
GLBTI Rights in Ageing Incorporated (GRAI)	\$14,910.00	GLBTI Rights in Ageing Incorporated (GRAI) will run a year-long intergenerational Queer Book Club for LGBTIQ+. The aim of the project is to build social connections across generations and share knowledge in a peer to peer support model. The Queer Book Club project will be a monthly community event for older LGBTIQ+ community that embraces social inclusion, by providing an opportunity for LGBTIQ+ individuals of all ages to come together and feel a part of a community, to feel loved, connected and to know they aren't alone. Through a twelve-month program of events the Queer Book Club project will support the wellbeing of its participants and actively address the various barriers evidenced in the domains of liveable communities, as outlined by the World Health Organization's Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities.	Other - Metropolitan, Great Southern, Kimberley, Peel and South West
Umbrella Multicultural Community Care Services Inc.	\$15,000.00	Umbrella Multicultural Community Care Services Inc. will run a series of social activities for CaLD seniors living in the Bayswater and Belmont areas who experienced social isolation during the COVID-19 lockdown. The project will enable participants to build new connections and participate in activities that will benefit their physical and mental wellbeing.	Other - North West Metropolitan and South East Metropolitan

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Meekatharra Community Resource Centre	\$7,050.00	Meekatharra Community Resource Centre will provide seniors with an ongoing series of activities that will enable them to share their family history and connection to community. Participants will be asked to share photos, documents and take part in interviews, this information will then be transformed into a digital format and be displayed at the local Shire Museum and local library. The project aims to bring older residents together to connect with one another, share their stories and create a legacy for the community.	Mid West
Shire of Waroona	\$9,150.00	Shire of Waroona plan to run a program to re-connect senior residents who have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 global health crisis. The EngAGE Program will feature a range of activities and workshops that focus on mental and physical health as well as digital learning and opportunity for social interaction. Activities will fall under the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mind Magic - focusing on mental health and learning new things</li> <li>• Connect Café - social activities with games</li> <li>• Digitally Connected - learning opportunities to connect digitally</li> <li>• Silver Sneakers - physical activities in group settings.</li> </ul>	Peel
City of Karratha	\$10,600.00	The City of Karratha will use grant funds to go towards the implementation of engagement strategies listed in their Age-friendly Strategy. Activities will include a Seniors IT Club, fitness classes and a biannual Senior's Conversation Café program. The objective of the project is to increase social participation within their aged community, provide a non-confrontational platform for seniors to provide feedback on current and future programming and to build capacity and competency in IT and digital technologies.	Pilbara
Boyup Brook Community Resource Centre Inc.	\$15,000.00	Boyup Brook Community Resource Centre Inc. will have a designated "Community Connector" whose purpose will be to connect seniors with support services and other like-minded individuals with the community. The aim of the project is to engage seniors, build their confidence and enable them to seek support, which will in turn enhance their sense of belonging and reduce social isolation.	South West
Augusta Community Childcare Centre -Auspice by Lions club of Leeuwin (Inc.)	\$5,000.00	Augusta Community Childcare Centre auspice by Lions Club of Leeuwin (Inc.) will run a series of activities that will proactively engage seniors with the Centre. Activities will include gardening, arts and crafts, cooking classes, story time, and excursions. The aim of the project is reduced social isolation of seniors and improve their mental and emotional wellbeing.	South West

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Shire of Narembeen	\$10,500.00	The Shire of Narembeen through the Narembeen Community Resource Centre will host a monthly Morning Coffee Club for local seniors. The project will run for a period of 11 months and feature a range of activities that will create social and cultural opportunities for those involved. The aim of the Coffee Club is to increase social belonging/inclusion and community connection for seniors in Narembeen.	Wheatbelt
Shire of Bruce Rock	\$7,350.00	The Shire of Bruce Rock in partnership with MVB Personal Training and Fitness will run a pilot 10-week fitness and well-being program, with three activities per week. The project aims to promote social inclusivity amongst seniors and encourage participation in physical activities to assist fitness and wellbeing. To ensure all members of the community are able to participate, the program will be accessible to all fitness and ability levels.	Wheatbelt
West Arthur Community Resource Centre	\$11,195.00	West Arthur Community Resource Centre will run a series of monthly events and activities designed to assist seniors to reduce social isolation, return to, or start social activities and have the capacity to cope with any future changes to social connectivity. Each event will include a social activity, a skill development or learning Activity and an opportunity for informal social connection.	Wheatbelt
Inclusion Solutions Limited	\$15,000.00	Inclusion Solutions Limited will develop a website portal (Local & Social) that will assist older adults living in Western Australia to connect with one another, based on a strength-based approach. This means that users will be connected to each other, in their local communities, based on their shared and common interests. Once developed, the software will be marketed towards local governments and community organisations.	State Wide
Injury Control Council of Western Australia (Inc)	\$12,150.00	Injury Matters will conduct the Community Connect project. This free social connection program links older Western Australians with their peers. Each month, members are connected with a fellow participant to share stories, social activities and companionship. Connecting is easy: participants can email, phone, video chat or meet in person. In addition to receiving a monthly match with another person, Injury Matters will provide participants with active ageing information, such as details of health services and additional opportunities for community participation. The project aims to increase older people's social engagement opportunities and increase awareness of community activities available to them.	State Wide