



2014 AUGUST GRANT RECIPIENTS

The RACV Community Foundation Committee approved a total of 35 grants worth close to \$523k for the August 2014 round of applications. Details of these grants are summarised below.

Since the establishment of the Foundation, more than 480 grants have been approved and in excess of \$3.1m has been distributed to community-based groups in Victoria.

The Foundation will continue to focus on supporting mobility in our community as its primary area of philanthropic funding, with a view to enhancing safety, environmental sustainability and/or social cohesion.

Organisation	Amount	Project Name and details
1 st Caroline Springs Scout Group	\$3,586	Increase Involvement in the Community Purchase a trailer to support a wider range of scouting activities due to increased participants enrolling over the last four years. Activities will include tree planting, Clean Up Australia Day, Youth programs, camps, outdoor activities and other environmental initiatives.
Assylum Seeker Resource Centre	\$8,600	New Arrival Driver's Program Deliver a discreet driver training program for 20 CALD asylum seekers. Licences are required for many jobs that their clients are looking to attain, along with language skills. Without this program clients lack the support network to practice driving and sit for a probationary licence.
Ballan District Health and Care	\$20,000	Wheelchair Access and Lifter for Community Bus Modify to the replacement community bus to allow wheelchair access including hydraulic lifter. The current bus is 15 years old and can only fit one wheelchair. Demographic changes in the local municipalities have increased the need for additional wheelchair access.
Banyule Community Health - 3081 Angels	\$8,636	Infant Car Seat Purchase and Installation Purchase and install infant seats in the vehicles of 30 economically disadvantaged families, and to train volunteers to do so under certain circumstances.
Bendigo & District Aboriginal Cooperative (BDAC)	\$5,000	BDAC Indigenous Youth Basketball Team Provide uniforms and cover the costs of participation for two Indigenous basketball teams. The program enhances young people's opportunity to participate in physical activity within a team environment, stimulating social and emotional wellbeing.
Bethany Community Support	\$9,600	Keys to Connect Provide 30 people with supported driving lessons, both to refresh the existing skills of some clients, and also to assist those attempting to drive for the first time. The program is designed to provide 'opportunity to all' for driver education which is considered an essential skill in a rural setting, but one that is often out of reach of the most disadvantaged.

Blue Light Victoria	\$18,053	<p>Bicycle Safety for all Needs Improve bike education facilities at the Blue Light Youth Camp in Maldon to allow for the participation of children with a disability.</p>
BrainLink Services	\$9,500	<p>LifeMoves Deliver an eight week peer support program for people with an Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD) by those with an ABD. Participants will learn strategies 'from the experts' to cope with their conditions which will reduce isolation, increase independence and community participation. Five volunteers will travel from Melbourne and run the program on the Mornington Peninsula. Following this the participants will travel to Melbourne and complete training to become trainers themselves, creating a cycle of education and support.</p>
Brainwave Australia	\$20,000	<p>Rehabilitation and Mobility Equipment Purchase specialised mobility and rehabilitation equipment and therapies to assist ill or injured children transitioning from hospital to home. The provision of equipment often means children are released from hospital sooner, enhancing their integration back into family and community life.</p>
Brophy Family and Youth Services	\$7,600	<p>Aiming for Independence Fund licence testing for participants who have completed Brophy Family and Youth Services' L2P program. Economic disadvantage means that some participants stay in the L2P program longer than necessary because they can't afford the \$190 per person required to sit their licence test.</p>
Carinya Society	\$18,000	<p>Hyundai iMax People Mover Purchase a vehicle to transport Nelson House residents to and from Carinya's day centre. It is also used to transport these residents and other Carinya clients to a range of community activities. On weekends and after hours the vehicle is used to take clients to medical appointments, recreational activities or personal shopping.</p>
Enterprize Ship Trust	\$16,510	<p>Enterprize Sailing Funding is sought to take children, staff and translators on day trips and overnight trips (for older youth) sailing on Port Philip Bay I the Enterprize Trust ship, an 1830s tall ship.</p>
Furlong Park School for Deaf Children	\$20,000	<p>Bike Ed: pathways to wellbeing for Deaf children Construction of a bike path at the school to support a broad-based bike education and road safety program.</p>
Healesville Interchurch Community Care Inc (HICCI)	\$18,000	<p>Keeping our Community Connected Purchase a vehicle to replace an older vehicle currently utilised to transport HICCI clients to programs and appointments that encourage social connectedness, enhance quality of life and/or prevent premature admission to long term residential care.</p>

Loddon Mallee Housing Services trading as Haven; Home, Safe	\$17,777	SMH Ride'n'Drive Funding is sought to provide participants in the Sidney Myer Haven Program with a range of mobility options to overcome social isolation and create pathways to education, training and employment.
Lord Somers Camp and Power House	\$20,000	Community Bus Project Purchase a second hand 25 seat bus to support the activities of Lord Somers Camp and Power House, including the camp but also including the volunteer programs which focus on intergenerational connections and continued social inclusion of people as they age.
Mackillop Family Services	\$13,095	Getting Out There Provide professional driving lessons and assist with the cost of clients sitting for their learner's permit and driver's licences. Those benefiting include people leaving MacKillop residential care at the age of 18 and young newly arrived asylum seekers.
Melton Specialist School	\$20,000	Stop! Go! Let's be RoadSafe! Build a small traffic school on school property teach essential road safety skills and deliver realistic safety messages to the students in a safe, supervised, supportive physical learning environment.
Murray Human Services	\$20,000	Funky Façade for the Force Construct a verandah at the Task Force centre to overcome access difficulties for people living with a disability, particularly those who require large mobility aids. Mobility will be improved as the currently used doorway will be widened and made inward-opening for assisting people who require mobility aids.
Parkinson's Victoria	\$19,668	Increasing Mobility to the Parkinson's Community Deliver a two hour 'safely mobile' education module to 28 Parkinson's support groups across Victoria. The module will cover a range of topics designed to support safe mobility on the roads and at home.
Riding for the Disabled (Oaklands)	\$8,000	Purchase suitable pony Purchase a nine year old pony to replace the two that are at the retirement age of 28 years old. The pony enables Riding for the Disabled coaches to sustain the program well into the future.
Safe Futures Foundation	\$19,560	Safe mobility for vulnerable families Purchase a range of goods and services to assist the organisation's clients to improve their safety, mobility, connectedness and vocational opportunities.
SCM Rescue Station Arts	\$5,000	Disabled Access to Rescue Station Provide disabled access to the newly constructed amenities hub, which was built after the 2012 flood. Once completed the Rescue Station will be able to host events again.

Southern Ethnic Advisory and Advocacy Council (SEAAC)	\$20,000	Safety 1st for Multicultural Youth Implement a program based on both practical and theoretical elements to inform and support clients to obtain their probationary licence.
Special Olympics Australia (Vic), Melbourne Inner East Region	\$20,000	Funding Athletes with Intellectual Disabilities Assist 24 athletes to participate in the National Games (Melbourne October 2014). Athletes will stay in the Olympic Village and be transported to venues to participate in a variety of sports.
St Kilda Mums	\$20,000	Project Safe Start Safely install car restraints for families suffering financial hardship. Car restraints will be new and used (certified as compliant with safety standards) and will provide children with a safe environment in their vehicles.
Sunraysia Residential Services (SRS)	\$16,840	Benetook Chooks Hatch'in Road Safety Purchase two golf carts to develop a road safety facility at the farm, a facility run by SRS to assist those living with a disability. Participants will be taught a variety of road skills, in a safe environment. The program will allow clients to move more safely and independently in the community.
The Leukaemia Foundation	\$17,300	Leukaemia Foundation Patient Transport Vehicle Fund a three year lease of a patient transport vehicle to service central Victoria. People living in the country with blood cancers require regular trips to Melbourne treatment centres.
The Link Centre	\$4,812	Getting Young People Moving Funding provided for transport and associated expenses which will enable participants in the Link Centre academic program the opportunity to undertake voluntary work at aged care facilities. Participants will also be offered the opportunity to learn about appropriate behaviour in public places including public transport.
Touched by Olivia Foundation	\$18,500	Livvi's Place' – Casey – Inclusive Playspace Assist with the build of the first inclusive play space in Melbourne's southeast. Every aspect of the play space will take into account the needs of people with a disability, including double wide paths, soft surfaces, sloped rises, wheelchair modified drop off zones, secure fencing, and passive zones for people living with neurological conditions. Appropriate swings, slides and carousel will also be included.
Urban Communities	\$6,400	Wheel it Right A bicycle education and maintenance program for people living in and around the Kensington housing commission area including children and parents who have not cycled since their youth. The program encourages exercise to improve health and well-being and also the development of bicycle skills and safety knowledge.

Victorian YMCA Youth and Community Services	\$16,162	<p>Camp Manyung Universal Bike Program</p> <p>Purchase seven adaptive bicycles so that disabled campers using Camp Manyung as part of the broader YMCA program can better participate in the onsite cycling program. Clients are sourced from traditional and special schools, and are from a wide range of backgrounds and from both urban and rural schools.</p>
Whittlesea Community Connections	\$16,735	<p>Adult Migrant and Refugee Driving Project</p> <p>Purchase a vehicle and run a driving lessons project based on the L2P program for CALD people aged over 21 (thus ineligible for L2P). A project worker will recruit participants and volunteer mentors, following which participants will receive professional lessons to ready them for 'getting their hours up' with their mentor driver. The grant also funds the purchase of a vehicle to enhance the mentoring program.</p>
Wimmera Health Care Group	\$20,000	<p>Day Centre Bus Shade Sail</p> <p>Install a shade sail to cover the Centre's community bus parking area, improving access and comfort for attendees. Currently, the Centre parks the bus under a veranda during extreme heat but this is not safe as it blocks access to the centre for wheelchair-bound clients.</p>
Women's Health in the South East	\$20,000	<p>Venture Out</p> <p>Assist migrant women in the Dandenong area to be more mobile and connected to the community by running familiarisation workshops and practical excursions where participants will become accustomed with mapping technologies and the use of public transport and deliver education classes to prepare them for sitting their learner's permit tests.</p>

NOTE: All accepted as at 08 August 2014

Total 35 grants	\$522,934
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