



Community Funding Report - Impact Investment

2025-2026



IMPACT INVESTMENT: COMMUNITY FUNDING REPORT

2025 – 2026

Community funding

Each year the Town of Victoria Park is proud to present a series of programs, grants, sponsorships and donations to help and support our community. This year we allocated a total of **\$739,662** across **267** grants, rebates, operating subsidies and programs that increased the capacity of our residents to build a vibrant and diverse community.

Our goal

To build capacity within the community to deliver initiatives that address the Town of Victoria Park's Strategic Community Priorities and outcomes from the

- Public Health & Wellbeing Strategy
- Arts & Culture Strategy
- Economic Development Strategy
- Urban Forest Strategy
- Safer Neighbourhoods Plan
- Youth Action Plan

OVERVIEW

Grants

85 applications received

38 projects funded

\$241,993 distributed (including \$5,481 in kind)

13 priority population groups supported

8 partnerships created

1264 volunteer hours shared = \$60,685 value

23 locations activated

Operating subsidies

4 organisations funded

\$405,971 distributed (including \$1,200 in kind)

Donations

14 applications received

11 projects funded

\$3,100 distributed

[View our Grants and Funding opportunities here](#)



FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2025–2026

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Arts grants
totalling
\$35,653

We supported creatives and community groups to deliver a diverse range of arts and culture initiatives to our community, including live art creation (The Studio Session), theatre (Youth Disability Advocacy Network; Blue Joy Youth Theatre), music (Victoria Park Centre for the Arts *Piano in the Park*), literature (The Unabridged Memoir: Prompts for Personal Reminiscence) and interactive public activation (The Butcher's Ghost). These initiatives supported **participation in the creative process** including for young people and young people with disability, **celebrated local stories** and provided **mentoring and professional development** opportunities for emergent artists.

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Clubs, groups
and
equipment
grants
totalling
\$31,225 +
\$615
in kind

We provided:

- **5** Sports grants, promoting resilience, positive body image, mental wellbeing among players and supporting professional development opportunities for coaches.
- **9** Sports equipment grants to local sporting clubs.
- **1** Community group insurance support

promoting health and wellbeing and connection in our community.

We also supported **203** kids to access sports activities including Aussie Rules, soccer and gymnastics through [KidSport](#).

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Community
grants
totalling
\$64,764 +
\$4,866
in kind

We supported community groups to:

- Create networks improving neighbourhood **safety**
- Provide free Christmas lunches and hampers to **vulnerable community members**
- Build community connections, confidence and pride in **diversity**
- Promote **mental wellbeing** practices
- **Raise awareness and funds** for breast and ovarian cancer research
- **Activate 10 locations** across the Town
- Create **1,105 hours of volunteering** opportunities (valued at **\$53,051+**)

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Safer
Neighbour-
hoods
rebates
totalling
\$87,649

We funded:

- **92** Security Incentive Scheme rebates at a total of \$32,910
- **74** CCTV Partnership Program rebates at a total of \$47,802
- **13** Street Meet n Greet rebates at a total of \$14,856 connecting a total of **386** households

contributing to **helping people feel safe** in the Town.

...contributing to an increase in capacity, capability, opportunities and skill development in Town businesses and residents, and promoting the Town as a dynamic place for everyone.

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Economic
Development
grants
totalling
\$39,869

We supported:

- [Bloom: Centre for Youth Innovation](#) to deliver the *Vic Park AI Collaboration Lab* for young business people
- [The Procurement Coach](#) to deliver the *Vic Park Women in Business* community network
- [Reach Her Inc](#) to deliver the *Female Founders Resilience & Wellbeing Peer Group Support* for female entrepreneurs
- [Spacecubed Ventures](#) to deliver the *Plus Eight Pre Accelerator Sprint* local start-ups and entrepreneurs

contributing to **long-term success for local businesses.**

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Environment
grants and
rebates
totalling
\$65,950

We funded:

- **4** Urban Forest grants at a total of \$25,000
- **10** Adopt a Verge grants in partnership with the [Water Corporation](#)
- **19** one-off rebates for cloth nappies and reusable menstrual and incontinence products at a total of \$2,620.65

to **protect and enhance the natural environment**
and

- **5** Place grants at a total of \$40,000 to **activate** locations within the Town.

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donations
supporting
Young People
totalling
\$3,100

We provided:

- **7** Youth National and International Sport donations
- **4** School Welfare donations

to support young people in our Town to **reach their full potential.**

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Operating
Subsidies
totalling
\$405,971

We subsidised the operating costs of

- [Victoria Park Community Centre](#)
- [Victoria Park Centre for the Arts](#)
- [Connect Vic Park](#)
- [Harold Hawthorne Community Centre](#)

to deliver **outcomes-based initiatives** that directly align with the Town's Strategic Community Priorities.

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youthballetwa A huge thank you to the Town of Victoria Park for supporting our ballet school through Community Grant Program.

Thanks to this funding, we have been able to purchase essential training equipment, including fascia balls, foam rollers, Pilates blocks, rings, therabands, and hand and ankle weights. These resources play a vital role in helping our students develop strength, flexibility, stability, and body awareness while supporting safe technique and injury prevention.

With over 100 students training at our school, shared access to this equipment ensures every dancer has the opportunity to benefit from best-practice training methods, regardless of their family's financial circumstances.

We are incredibly grateful to the Town of Victoria Park for investing in the health, wellbeing, and artistic development of our young dancers and helping make quality dance education accessible to all.



Youth National and International Sport Donation Feedback

Zeb and Cheyanne proudly represented Western Australia in the Australian Dancesport Championship in Melbourne last December. They competed against other Junior couples from all around Australia and New Zealand in three dance styles; Standard ballroom, Latin and New Vogue. They received two 2nd place and two 6th place awards.

Clementine represented WA in the U12 girls 100m, 200m, 4 x 100m replay and Swedish relay at the ALAC National competition in Brisbane. Clementine said, "It benefitted me as I was able to measure my progress and talent against the rest of Australia. It made me more determined to remain in athletics for as long as possible."

IMPACT STORIES

Gallery of photos from 2025 / 26 funded events



Victoria Park Centre for the Arts *Piano in the Park* program creates opportunities for young local music students to learn from established professionals and give public performances.



Vietnam Odyssey cultural event attracted over 400 attendees, celebrating our multicultural community.



The Haven provides Christmas lunch and hampers for people experiencing hardship in our community.



Higgins Park Tennis Club celebrated 60 years with a Community Day promoting physical activity and social connection.



Burswood Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Family Day promoted community connection and safety.