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CHALLENGE BRIEF

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What is a Living Lab?

A Living Lab is a place-based approach to driving innovation through co-design with partners, community, and Council. It enables businesses, not-for-profit organisations, research institutions, and the community to collaborate on local challenges and test solutions that will address them. A Living Lab requires three components:

1. *Problem*: A complex problem that our community faces and is only likely to increase with our growth.
2. *People*: A range of people from businesses, community, not-for-profit organisations, and research institutions that could address the problem.
3. *Place*: A physical location to trial and evaluate the solutions.

There are a range of funding pathways for Living Labs. For the Ageing Well Living Lab, a grant pathway is the most appropriate.

Ageing Well Living Lab

City of Casey is launching its sixth Living Lab, with a focus on supporting older adults in Casey. Based on community feedback, we are concentrating on three themes: Prevention and Early Intervention, Health and Wellbeing, and Independence and Connection.

Challenges

To explore these themes, we have published three challenge statements:

1. Prevention and Early Intervention: How might we identify signs of declining health, wellbeing or social connection early and connect older adults with support before they reach crisis point?
2. Health and Wellbeing: How might we support older adults to maintain and improve their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing as they age?
3. Independence and Connection: How might we reduce loneliness and social isolation for older adults by supporting meaningful social connections at every stage of ageing?

Approach

City of Casey will collaborate with selected partners to deliver research and trials for a duration of 12 months. Organisations are invited to join via a competitive grant process.

Get involved

If you are a business, not-for-profit organisation, or research institute with a solution in response to one or more of our challenges, you can apply to join the Ageing Well Living Lab. Find out more on our [Ageing Well Living Lab Grant page](#).

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