

2021/2022 COVID-19 Quick Response Grant Recipients

The following organisations received a COVID-19 Quick Response Grant between September 2021 and February 2022.

Organisation	Funding amount	Funding purpose/project description
AFMVICCARE	\$5,000	Funding for purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables (to add to packaged food provided by First Bite) which is delivered to residents in need or distributed through Cranbourne Community House. Also funds to provide PPE and cover fuel expenses of volunteer deliverers.
Australian African Association	\$5,000	Funding to provide grocery gift cards to assist with purchase of food, groceries and clothing to suit the needs of individual families who have been left vulnerable as a result of COVID-19 related job losses, food insecurity and poverty.
Backpacks for Vic Kids	\$5,000	Funding to purchase equipment to improve capacity and COVIDSafe measures for volunteers preparing care packs.
Bakhtar Cultural & Publishing Association	\$5,000	Funding to purchase equipment and engage professionals to assist with making and recording short COVID-19 and health awareness videos in Afghan languages to be delivered fortnightly through online platform.
BK 2 Basics	\$5,000	Funding to support the provision of free food and hot meals to the Casey community including walk in community pantry, delivery of food hampers and hosting of community meals.
Brentwood Park Neighbourhood House	\$5,000	Funding to assist with continuing vital online services such as No Interest Loans and Power Saving applications while centre is closed. Also support to continue to run social engagement and well-being programs to keep the community connected while the Centre is closed.
Casey ADRA Cafe	\$5,000	Funding will assist Casey ADRA Cafe to locate part of its services to a new premises.
Casey North CISS	\$5,000	Funding will enable the service to better meet an increase in demand on social work team by providing additional case worker hours.
Community Information and Support Cranbourne	\$5,000	Funding to provide vital refresher training / team building for volunteers in early 2022 to allow the organisation to retain volunteers.
Cook4CALD	\$5,000	Funding to support the provision of culturally appropriate meals to the CALD community including kitchen equipment, sustainable packaging, ingredients for meals and fuel card for volunteer delivery drivers.
Doveton Neighbourhood Learning Centre	\$5,000	Provision of emergency relief items (food hampers/hygiene items) for the local community.

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EACH	\$5,000	Funding to support clients using AOD support service through flexible material aid and taxi vouchers to attend appointments.
Endeavour Ministries	\$5,000	Help to fund costs associated with providing culturally appropriate meals to families in need and healthy meals to homeless. Also widen variety of food available in food packages.
Family Life	\$5,000	Funding to provide the delivery of 3 community workshops in Farsi at community centres in Casey. Information includes DHHS vaccine information, vaccinating children and keeping your family COVID safe.
Gethsemane Church	\$5,000	Funding to enable organisation to meet demand for food which is delivered in a refrigerated vehicle.
Hampton Park Community House	\$4,700	Funding to support expansion of womens group food pantry and develop online resources to support CALD women during lockdown.
Hampton Park Turkish Seniors	\$5,000	Funding for COVID-19 information kits and education sessions in Turkish language to raise awareness of vaccination, travel regulations and public health orders.
Hampton Park Uniting Church	\$5,000	Funding to support take away meal service and collection of essential food and hygiene products.
IndianCare	\$5,000	Funding to provide grocery gift cards and the provision of 3 x culturally appropriate parenting workshops (prevention of family violence)
L'Arte Central	\$5,000	Funding to prepare packaged meals for distribution by We Care Community Services. Meals are prepared by employees and volunteers who have disability, mental health challenges or are at risk.
Left and Right Counselling	\$4,900	Funding to support operational costs of mental health support service offering free counselling to help address influx in referrals due to COVID-19.
Life Saving Victoria	\$5,000	Funding to provide Post COVID water safety program for visitors to Lysterfield Lake.
Melbourne Community Support Organisation	\$3,000	Funding to provide training to women from CALD backgrounds in technology/using online platforms to enable them to access online services and important information.
Multicultural Youth Support Service	\$5,000	Funding to provide grocery gift cards and deliveries to CALD families.

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Mums Supporting Families in Need	\$5,000	Funding will support operational costs for at least one month to offset additional costs associated with an increase in demand for material aid for families in crisis.
Narre Warren Church - Transit Soup Kitchen	\$5,000	General emergency relief support including fuel vouchers and assistance paying utility and other urgent bills help refugee families and those on bridging or temporary visa to pay utility bills and other urgent needs.
Narre Warren SES	\$4,985	Funding to create a COVID safe outdoor training area for SES members to update and ensure the currency of their skills required for performing their emergency assistance duties in the community.
Oakgrove Community Centre	\$5,000	Funding to deliver a range of online courses and classes for isolated community members. Include online Playgroup, Women's health & support group, yoga, art and dance.
Peninsula Community Legal Centre	\$5,000	Support for Rooming House outreach program to provide support packages to residents post COVID lockdown.
Rapid Relief Team	\$4,875	Provision of family food boxes for families in isolation and care kits with basic hygiene supplies to distribute through Casey charities.
Relationships Australia	\$5,000	Funding to support more Men's Behaviour change participants to join in Zoom sessions via a laptop.
Sikh Volunteers Australia	\$5,000	Funding to support the purchase of kitchen equipment to assist the organisation to meet increased food demand and will reduce the food preparation time for volunteers.
St Vincent de Paul Doveton	\$5,000	Funding to boost social support and emergency relief assistance provided to communities in need due to lack of organisational income to support this due to Opp Shop closures. Opp Shop profits would usually fund these services.
St Vincent de Paul Endeavour Hills	\$5,000	Provision of emergency relief services to people impacted by COVID-19. Includes food parcels, supermarket vouchers, assistance with utility and chemist bills.
TaskForce Community Agency	\$4,934	Delivery of Mental Health First Aid and Conversations about Suicide courses.
The Golden Years Seniors Group	\$3,500	Funding to support isolated seniors - includes care packages/hampers to be provided at Xmas lunch . Also petrol vouchers for volunteer drivers.

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The Water Well Project	\$4,950	Funds to support delivery of free interactive health sessions which are facilitated by qualified health care professionals and help people to understand health advice in relation to COVID-19 (using interpreters where required).
Thoedora's Cheerful Givers	\$5,000	Funding to support the organisations commitment to provide emergency relief to residents in need in the form of food hampers and meals delivered directly to peoples homes.
TurningPoint Support Centre	\$5,000	Funding to cover equipment and resources to deliver the CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money course which gives participants tools to budget and improve their financial well-being.
Victorian Australia Samoa Seniors	\$5,000	Funding to enable staple grocery items and other essential items to be purchased and delivered to the homes of Samoan and Filipino seniors.
We Care Community Services	\$5,000	Funding required to support food provision to needy families who access We Care services - the volunteer run Helping Hand Centre, playgroups and educational programs (when allowed).
Wellsprings for Women	\$5,000	Funding is needed to meet an unprecedented demand for emergency and food relief. The grant will also support the Women's Support Program and the food relief program.
YMCA Victoria	\$4,800	Funding to train 16 new lifeguards to work at Casey pools over summer due to COVID-19 and subsequent labour shortages.