



StreetSmart Collective Community Grants

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What We Do

“StreetSmart truly understands tackling homelessness at a grassroots level, and their support is vital for our young people as a first practical step towards starting a life of independence.”

Charles Bond, Executive Officer – Taldumande Youth Services

The team at StreetSmart believes no one should be without a safe and secure place to call home.

We take action against homelessness through effectively engaging with 1000+ businesses and the community to raise vital funds and awareness for small, ‘independent’ grassroots homeless services and projects.

We seek out, support and partner with organisations and projects in the communities where funds are raised. We have an unrivalled fifteen year track record of getting funding to where it is needed most. To date StreetSmart has raised and distributed \$5.4million to fund 605 organisations.

We are now inviting you to partner with us to double our impact through matching our 2019 Community Grants funded through DineSmart 2018.

Collaborate With Us

Between 21st November and 31st December StreetSmart partnered with 125 restaurants to run our annual DineSmart event. Through this community partnership we have raised close to \$210,000. We are now looking to partner with like minded philanthropists to scale our impact and match our grants.

Listed below are our Lead Projects for May 2019. Each project is scalable and matched funding can be 'in-part' or 'in-full'.

Matched funding can also be allocated to a number of different projects. Through the Collective partners also power StreetSmart's community engagement and activations, helping us build and sustain our social impact.

LEAD PROJECTS			
Organisation	Project	StreetSmart Grant	Matched Opportunity
Council to Homeless Persons	The Peer Support Resettlement Project	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Elizabeth Morgan House	Safe Homes	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
First Step	Stay In Treatment Project	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Fitted for Work	Ready to Work Program	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
HOMIE	Ecommerce for Impact	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Peninsula Community Legal Centre	Rooming House Project	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
St Kilda Gatehouse	A Safe Home	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
The Social Studio	Youth Development Program	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Youth Law	Frontyard Lawyers	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Youth Projects	Pathways Project	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Total	\$57,500.00	\$57,500.00

All matched grants are made under the StreetSmart Collective model to both support Lead Grants and StreetSmart's work in the community and sustainability. StreetSmart will retain 15% to be directed to help resource StreetSmart's community engagement and fundraising.

Council to Homeless Persons (CHP)

The Peer Support Resettlement Project

The Council to Homeless Persons is the peak body for the homelessness sector in Victoria. Our vision is to end homelessness in Victoria and we represent organisations and people who are also working towards this goal. We work towards this by: Campaigning for policy changes that will end homelessness; Building the capacity of services that work with people experiencing homelessness; Involving consumers in the process of improving the sector; Elevating the problem of homelessness as an issue in the public domain; Contributing to research that will improve policy.

THE PEER SUPPORT RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

Over the years many members of CHP's Peer Education Support Program have raised the issue of how difficult it is to resettle into a home after a period of homelessness and that a compounding issue is that not having access to support during that phase.

In 2017, with the support of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation and Ivanhoe Grammar, CHP convened a workshop where the experiences and views of a broad range of people with a lived experience of homelessness were explored in a safe, supportive environment.

The focus of the workshop was exploring the transition out of homelessness into housing and how the resettlement phase could ensure the house becomes a home. Participants described feelings of trauma, isolation and loneliness when asked about the resettlement phase. When asked what would have helped them through that transition the clear message from all participants was peer support had to be a key part of the solution.

In June 2018 CHP successfully applied for a funding grant from the Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation Pathways Innovation Fund for our Peer Support Resettlement Project. This project is currently active and is designing and piloting a model of Peer Support to deliver to people who have been housed after experiencing homelessness, to assist them with making their house a home and settling in their community. A key goal of the project is to develop a model of Peer Support that can be – and is - replicated across the specialist homelessness sector.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Funding for the Peer Support Resettlement Project allows for each Peer Support Worker to work 10 hours per week. This is inclusive of supervision, induction, professional development training and administration. Unfortunately this means that the actual hours of peer support delivered to consumers are much lower than we would like to be able to provide. A funding grant of \$5000 would allow us to invest in an extra 125 hours in supervision, induction, professional development training and administration, freeing up 125 hours extra to provide direct peer support per year for each Peer Support Worker.

If we received matched funding, totaling \$10,000, we would be able to provide an extra 250 hours of supervision, induction, professional development training and administration, freeing up 250 hours extra to provide direct peer support per year for each Peer Support Worker.

Elizabeth Morgan House Aboriginal Women's Service

Safe Homes

Elizabeth Morgan House Aboriginal Women's Service Inc. (EMH) is the peak body for Aboriginal women in Victoria as well as being a peak body responding to family violence. EMH is a proud not for profit, community controlled organisation that strives to take direction and work consultatively with the Aboriginal community in all aspects of our services. Central to our work is EMH's commitment to providing advocacy and support for the continued empowerment of Aboriginal women.

OUR PROGRAMS

EMH provides safe and secure accommodation for Aboriginal women and their children escaping family violence within our high security refuge. This includes a dedicated children's worker to ensure children receive tailored family violence support to meet their individual needs. In addition, we provide holistic case management, counselling and court support throughout the North and West Metropolitan areas of Melbourne.

FAMILY VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS

Family violence is a significant issue in all communities across Victoria. However, responding to family violence is further complicated within the Aboriginal community due to the lack of alternative accommodation options that are safe for women and their children to access after leaving a violent relationship.

In 2008-09, 17% of families seeking support from specialist homelessness services identified as Aboriginal (AIHW, 2011). The main reason Aboriginal families sought support was due to interpersonal relationship difficulties, including family violence. The second presenting issues for these families was that of financial difficulties, including rent being unaffordable. The most common form of homelessness experienced was secondary homelessness, such as living in hostels, crisis accommodation or with friends and family temporarily. This pattern was mirrored in the non-Aboriginal community, however with an exit from services into to a private rental being more accessible.

ACCESS TO SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

All people have the right to live safe and free from family violence. Across all EMH programs, workers support women to navigate the housing sector to meet their and their children's needs. This includes providing culturally appropriate safety planning with families to ensure they can either remain safe in their homes or advocating on behalf of women to access alternative long-term accommodation.

For those families fleeing unsafe situations, financial assistance is vital in facilitating access to safe and appropriate housing in a timely manner. This often includes the removal and transport of belongings, payment of rent in advance, and payment of bond to secure a new property.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

With a StreetSmart grant of \$4,000, EMH can financially assist approximately 4-8 Aboriginal families to overcome financial barriers in accessing safe and affordable accommodation within the private rental market. This money will go directly to the families in need via the payment of rent in advance and/or payment of bonds. Matched funding will enable a larger impact by further supporting another 4-8 families in our community.

If approved, this StreetSmart funding will significantly contribute to the safety and wellbeing of Aboriginal families in metropolitan Melbourne who are in need of specialist family violence support.

First Step

Stay In Treatment Project

First Step is an independent, not-for-profit mental health and addiction services hub in the heart of St Kilda where last year alone we supported over 2,600 people. At First Step we believe that everybody deserves every chance to turn their lives around. Addiction is concentrated in areas of multiple disadvantages - timely, effective treatment is a matter of social justice.

First Step is a respected leader in the coordinated combination of addiction medicine (e.g. doctors), psychological therapies (e.g. psychologists), legal support, social inclusion and employment assistance; we call it Whole-Person Care.

OUR CHALLENGE

First Step clients come from all walks of life, but a great many of our clients experience a wide range of challenges including homelessness, unemployment, years of physical and/or sexual abuse, growing up in out-of-home care, blood borne viruses (such as hepatitis C) and intense social isolation.

The goal of this project is to keep people in treatment by supporting them with direct payments to relevant chemists upon receipt of an invoice, to stay compliant with treatment regimes essential to their recovery. From previous material aid grants we know support to enable staying in treatment has the immediate benefit of reducing their risk of harm from physical or mental illness, injury, intoxication or violence, also reducing the likelihood of hospital attendances and incarceration.

Previous funding has proven that a sustainable funding stream, for exactly this need, is greatly beneficial to First Step clients. The flexible funding allowed case workers to work with clients to overcome challenges and shortfalls in income at those important times in treatment, responding to needs as they arose.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

MEDICATION SUPPORT

All First Step's services are provided free to the client, to maximise accessibility. However, even the very minor expense of \$6 (with a health care card) for a one-month prescription of medications can reduce compliance for our most disenfranchised clients (including those most likely to be homeless). We therefore seek support from StreetSmart for \$6,000, over 12 months, to assist approximately 400 clients with funding for 2 scripts and other needs.

EMERGENCY HOUSING FUND

Our management is often asked by staff if we can fund 2- to 4-nights' accommodation for clients in desperate straits; unfortunately, the answer is usually negative, because of First Step's very lean operations. With a matched grant of \$6,000 we wish to provide 18 clients, over 12 months, with access to 3-nights' accommodation.

Fitted for Work

Female Offenders Ready to Work Program

Fitted for Work is a national organisation, our vision is empowerment and financial independence for women and our mission is to help women experiencing disadvantage get work and keep it. We do this by developing each woman's confidence and self-esteem as well as her skills and knowledge to obtain work.

All our services are free of charge and we focus specifically on helping women obtain employment because work provides financial security as well as a sense of social connectedness, dignity and pride. Since 2005, we have assisted over 30,000 women to step out of disadvantage and into work. Despite their varied backgrounds, they all have one important factor in common - they want to work.

SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITIONING FORMER FEMALE OFFENDERS BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY IS A NATIONAL CHALLENGE.

In 2017, the number of female prisoners in Australia increased by 7%. Women who are exiting prison or serving community correction orders face multiple barriers to employment and these commonly include; mental health issues, homelessness, addictions, social isolation, low self-confidence, low levels of education, few positive role models and of course discrimination in employment.

These women are amongst the most disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalised individuals in our society. It is well documented that the difficulty an ex-offender faces in gaining employment correlates with recidivism rates. Conversely, research shows that the best predictor of a successful release from prison is employment. Those who secure work are far more likely to stay out of prison.

The Female Offenders Ready to Work Program is designed to assist women exiting prison in Victoria transition into sustainable employment and contains a series of nine job readiness modules which include: confidence building; financial health; dealing with transition; and preparing for work.

The modules will be delivered at the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre to women within six months of their release date, over seven weeks and culminating in an Employment Expo. This is held on the final day with corporate volunteers engaged to deliver specially tailored employment readiness workshops that cover: resume writing, mock interviews, and professional outfitting.

On completion of the program, all participants will be referred to Fitted for Work's outfitting service to receive free work appropriate clothing and/or casual clothes, makeup items and personal hygiene products. Once they attend the service they will also be offered access to the full suite of Fitted for Work services.

THE IMPACT

The overarching goal of this program is to help women transitioning out of the prison system to gain the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to find work, stay out of prison and establish productive, crime-free lives in the community.

The program delivers an increased sense of social connectedness and community engagement for women exiting the prison system and their families. Long-term success will see reduced recidivism rates among former female offenders.

The program will help reduce unemployment rates for women exiting prison and the problems associated with unemployment including adverse effects on health and wellbeing. Increased engagement and productivity by women in the workforce, role modelling the value of paid work for their family and community and breaking the cycle of inter-generational unemployment will also be benefits of this program.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

This project is currently funded to support 15 young women in Dame Phyllis Frost Centre. A StreetSmart grant of \$7,500 would allow us to assist a further 7 women over the age of 25. Additional matched funding for this project will enable us to assist 7 more women and run a second program at Tarrengower Women's Prison in Victoria.

HoMie

Ecommerce for Impact

HoMie began with a group of friends talking to Melbournians living rough on the streets and sharing their stories via a social media campaign. The idea was to generate a deeper understanding and find a meaningful way for the local community to make a more tangible contribution to those less fortunate. Since then, HoMie has grown into a wholly ethical Australian-made streetwear clothing social enterprise with a store in Fitzroy and an ecommerce site, where 100% of profits go to support young people affected by homelessness or hardship.

THE PROBLEM AND THE PROGRAMS

Each month HoMie closes the doors of its store to the public and invites young people connected to homelessness support services to shop for free at the HoMie Street Store. VIP customers not only receive five complimentary items of brand-new clothing (at their own discretion) and a dignified shopping experience, but also receive free nutritious food, haircuts, and beauty services. VIP Days aim to increase social inclusion, connectedness and confidence for Melbourne's community of young people experiencing homelessness.

Developing these human connections with Melbournians experiencing homelessness and hardship every month, HoMie began to see more and more young people attending VIP days. Roughly 17% (approx. 1,300) of Melbourne's homeless community are young people aged 19-24. These young people do not have the adequate skills, work experience or networks to simply 'get a job': 56% are not in any current education or training, 22% had never worked before and 48% cited 'insufficient work experience' as a barrier to finding a job (Flateau et al, 2015). In addition, young people like this experience social stigma, with potential employers distrusting their ability to be reliable employees.

To address these key issues we created the 'HoMie Pathway Alliance'. Every year, HoMie selects young people (18-25) affected by homelessness or hardship from one of our partnered Alliance Support Services to participate in an eight-month, paid, on-the-job work experience at the HoMie Street Store or a HoMie Alliance trained business. Upon successful completion of the paid HoMie Pathway Alliance internship, HoMie interns will graduate with: Certificate III in Retail; six-months retail work-experience; eight months personal development training to build improved confidence, resilience, self-aspirations and life-skills; and a permanent place in our HoMie Alumni community.

THE CHALLENGE

HoMie aims to reach financial sustainability in the next three years. However, being a relatively young business, we currently rely on the generosity of philanthropic funding to subsidise the costs of our programs. A challenge for our business is to engage people online with our mission, in order to increase conversion and sales.

Through better storytelling of our mission and programs HoMie would attract a wider customer base and more online sales. Ultimately this translates into more support for HoMie's VIP Days and Pathway Alliance programs, which exist to equip young people experiencing homelessness or hardship with the skills, confidence and experience in order to be work-ready and better prepared for their future.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

With support from StreetSmart of \$5,000, HoMie would redesign our website to better engage people with the HoMie mission and further build our ecommerce sales and revenue. An additional matched grant of \$5,000 would enable us to take this to the next level and completely redesign our website's 'social impact' pages and fund an online social impact marketing campaign.

Peninsula Community Legal Centre

Rooming House Project

PCLC is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that has been providing free legal services to vulnerable and disadvantaged people in Melbourne's outer south east since 1977. PCLC provides legal information, advice, ongoing legal assistance and representation and undertakes community legal education, community development and public advocacy activities.

SUPPORTING PRIVATE ROOMING HOUSE RESIDENTS

PCLC's Rooming House Outreach Program conducts a visiting service to residents providing advice and support services. The program aims to identify and actively connect single people living in private rooming houses who are inappropriately housed to support services who will assist them to secure long term housing appropriate to their needs and reduce their risk of homelessness.

With housing affordability at an unprecedented high, more than one million Australians are living in poor-quality housing, particularly those facing disadvantage. People living in rental accommodation are particularly affected, with some tenants/residents renting places in a shocking state of disrepair: without adequate heating, exposed to weather, overcrowding or infested with mould and pests. Increasingly private rooming houses both registered and unregistered are housing low income and disadvantaged members of our community, particularly those who cannot afford or access the private rental market. Often rooming houses are used as crisis accommodation by the housing sector due to the lack of alternative accommodation.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

A significant number of residents living in private rooming houses experience, environmental and dietary stress. Our Program has identified a need for basic necessities to support residents, offering material aid to residents on our visits supports the delivery of timely and vital services and leads to improved and positive engagement opportunities and outcomes.

We propose with the support of StreetSmart funding of \$4,000 to enhance the provision of material aid to 100 residents residing in private rooming houses to support and sustain their accommodation and improve their health and well being, including food vouchers, material aid essentials, hygiene packs, transport and phone cards.

MATCHED FUNDING

With the support of a further matched grant, of \$4,000, PCLC Rooming House program proposes to build on the work of the program and the relationships with residents to improve the often negative narrative around private rooming houses. The funding will scope and test the concept of a practical guide on how to survive and thrive in a rooming house, with common themes that could include cooking on a budget and with limited access to equipment, checklists and tips on rights and responsibilities, resident's stories, tips on negotiating communal spaces, resources and supports available is proposed based on residents perspectives and needs gleaned through residents focus groups, legal health checks, questionnaires and one on one discussions. We are proposing to conduct 5 focus groups, speaking to a total of 75 residents, to inform this work.

St Kilda Gatehouse

A Safe Home

St Kilda Gatehouse has traditionally worked alongside those involved in street based sex work as a result of family violence, addiction, homelessness, poverty, mental health and social isolation. In 2014 the organisation opened a second Centre in Dandenong working with young women affected by commercial sexual exploitation.

The Drop-In space in St Kilda is the primary point of contact for many who work on the streets. It provides a safe, homely environment. Providing a pathway for women to exit street sex work begins with a point of engagement, building trust relationships, crisis relief and then assisting women to address the factors that result in a reliance on street sex work for survival. The Centre has contact with approximately 300 individuals per year.

THE PROBLEM

A rise in homelessness across Melbourne has led to an increase in the number of women accessing the Gatehouse Drop In Centre. The issue has been compounded for women in St Kilda due to the closing of the Gatwick and service providers moving out of the area. For those individuals who access Gatehouse the impact of homelessness has led to: Ill health both physically and mentally; Loss of personal belongings including personal identification necessary for accessing essential services and finances; Increased involvement in street sex work or 'exchanging sex for accommodation'; Increased drug use to cope with psychological stress of homelessness and to provide a sense of body warmth; Losing access to the service provision from agencies who have a policy of exclusion for individuals who are involved in sex work and/or illicit drug use; Dangerous and reckless behaviour towards themselves and others due to sleep deprivation and drug-induced psychosis.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

With additional funding a dedicated staff member will work alongside women to address the needs created by not having a home. This includes organising a shower truck one day a week; sourcing homeless swags; arranging storage of belongings; sourcing meals, clothes and hygiene packs, etc. The staff member will also provide assistance so that women can address issues that are creating instability and an unwanted reliance on street sex work and work closely with housing agencies to establish a pathway towards stable housing.

AIM:

- Women involved in street sex work to have a point of contact and safety when experiencing the effects of homelessness and poverty
- Women will be assisted to disrupt the cycle of homelessness, poverty and street sex work

OUTCOMES:

- Women who access Gatehouse per year will receive support to survive the effects of homelessness and reduce the long-term impact of trauma and poverty
- Homelessness is prevented for 40 individuals

Additional funding is needed to allow staff to manage the increase in demand caused by the rise in homelessness. A matching grant means extending the Drop In open days from four days to five days a week.

A StreetSmart grant of \$7,500 will allow the employment of a Support Worker in the Drop In Centre 10 hours a week for a six months. This staff member will work specifically with women experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Once out of crisis women will be supported to access medical, mental health, housing and violence support services. The staff member will advocate on behalf of clients to prevent evacuation from property and/or loss of Centrelink payments.

Matched Funding of a further \$7500 will extend this cover up to 12 months doubling the care and assistance we can provide to vulnerable women.

The Social Studio

Youth Development Program

The Social Studio is a not-for-profit social enterprise dedicated to improving the lives of new Australians who come from refugee or migrant backgrounds who may have experienced barriers to accessing education and/or securing employment, with flow on effects in terms of mental and physical health and housing security. We do this by providing TAFE level training, work experience, volunteer and employment opportunities in fashion, manufacturing and retail.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Social Studio has a dedicated Youth Coordinator (YC) who is responsible for implementing our Youth Development Program (YDP), a holistic, early-intervention wrap-around support program providing effective and personalised services in order to maximise job-readiness and employment outcomes for participants.

20 people from refugee and new migrant backgrounds. The support provided by our YC and the YDP is vital, as culturally and linguistically diverse people face significant challenges in their integration, are at risk of social isolation, and face barriers to economic and civil participation. Disengagement from school and work presents a high risk to successful integration, with higher risks of mental and physical health issues, all of which increase the risk of unemployment and homelessness.

The program we will implement will empower our young people to have the tools, knowledge, skills & confidence to secure work independently. We will help them improve English language skills, develop friendships & networks, and develop a range of life skills so they are better able to engage effectively in the community. Importantly they will face reduced challenges regarding integration, social isolation and barriers to economic and civil participation and reduced risk of mental and physical health issues.

Outcomes will be measured by administering a Mental Wellbeing Scale (Warwick-Edinburgh) at 3 stages:

- a baseline survey at enrolment/scholarship commencement
- a mid-term survey will be completed between 9-12 months into the scholarship
- an exit survey will be completed at the completion of the scholarship

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The YC position is funded until the end of the 2018-2019 FY. We are seeking funding for the YC to continue delivering the Youth Development Program from July 2019. A \$6000 grant from StreetSmart will allow the YC to deliver the YDP for 18 weeks (Jul – Oct 2019) and a \$6000 grant from a matched funder will ensure the delivery of the YDP for an additional 18 weeks (Nov 2019 – mid March 2020), allowing us time to have secured additional funding to enable us to continue providing this crucial support service.

Youth Law

Frontyard Lawyers

The Young People's Legal Rights Centre (Youthlaw) is based in Melbourne CBD at Frontyard Youth Services, a co-location of services young people. Frontyard has focus on assisting young people experiencing or facing homelessness. Every year we assist over 800 young people through our daily drop in legal clinics. Ours is a small organisation with core funding of less than \$400,000 per annum. We top this up with short term grants, donations and fundraising. We have 8 lawyers (including a secondee lawyer from a private law firm) 3 non-legal staff and a large team of over 30 volunteers.

THE PROBLEM

The young people we assist are largely invisible to the community & miss out on support & services they need. Without this support they are highly vulnerable to homelessness, abuse and poverty. They have usually dropped out of school, find it difficult to obtain & maintain employment & often turning in on themselves through drug addiction and self-harm. They usually have multiple legal problems such as fines, debts, family violence and criminal charges, and don't know where to get help.

The demand on our services is always high and since December 2013 this has been exacerbated by changes in Victoria Legal Aid guidelines reducing assistance to young people 18 and over.

To support young people we currently employ our Frontyard lawyer and Family Violence specialist youth worker at 0.8EFT however we only have core funding for 0.6EFT for each. We continually need to find extra \$ to top these positions up and this is where StreetSmart can help.

PROJECT AIMS

Our aim is to assist an additional 150 young people & provide an additional 25 secondary consultations to youth service workers annually.

Frontyard service:

- To deal with legal problems, reducing debt, mistreatment, court fines & criminal records

- Supported to access non-legal supports and services
- To become more knowledgeable & confident to deal with legal issues in the future

Family Violence Program:

- Young People's safety needs are addressed in a timely manner
- Young People's are provided casework support to address their related non-legal needs
- They have access to timely & youth friendly legal information & interventions

HOW YOU CAN HELP

StreetSmart funding will contribute to the employment of our Frontyard lawyer and Family Violence specialist youth worker. \$15,000 will fund our lawyer providing 1 afternoon clinic in Frontyard for 12 months. Additional matched funding will pay for our specialist Family Violence youth worker to assist young people half a day a week for 12 months. The youth worker provides family violence support to young people linked to and works closely with youth services helping to these young people source safe ongoing housing.

Youth Projects

The Pathways Project

The Living Room is part of Youth Projects, an independent, not for profit agency that provides health, outreach, employment, education and training services to individuals experiencing disadvantage, unemployment, homelessness and alcohol and other drug issues. The Living Room Primary Health Service provides free healthcare and support to improve the physical, mental and social wellbeing of individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, disadvantaged or marginalised, with complex healthcare needs.

THE WHY

Each year the Living Room has 15,000 contacts with people experiencing long term disadvantage and exclusion from some of the benefits living in a modern society offers. Many of the people we work with have not been taught the basics to living a healthy and fulfilling life, coming from broken homes and state care. We have asked our consumers what they need and what they want – a normal life is a resounding theme in their responses. A home, a job and friends to share their lives with.

THE PATHWAYS PROJECT

The Pathways Project will work with people accessing the Living Room to build independent living and life skills to assist their transition out of homelessness into safe and stable housing. WE know that this will make a difference to the lives and prospects of our clients, working alongside people to maximise their independence to access and sustain housing, and build their capacity and provide pathways to leading healthy and fulfilling lives. The core objectives of the program are to:

- Engage people in meaningful activities to build confidence and address social isolation
- Develop life and living skills such as cooking and nutrition, budgeting, communication
- Assist clients to access and maintain safe and secure housing
- Create pathways to learning, volunteering and employment, and maximise potential to live independent lives

The program will build essential life skills to increase confidence to navigate service systems and access community activities independently; develop an understanding of the public and private housing market; empower clients to maintain a healthy lifestyle; and seek employment, volunteering opportunities, education or training.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

A StreetSmart grant of \$5000 will enable the Project to dedicate resources to build connections with participants, services, the community, and provide practical support and encouragement to participants. The Pathways Project will build on existing responses by linking people to our other suite of services including The Living Room Primary Health Service, Melbourne Training Options, Men's and Women's Wellbeing Groups, and peer support programs.

We aim to work with at least 20 participants however the concept is easily scalable so a matched grant of a further \$5000 will give us the resources to provide more reach and innovation through the program.

Our Team

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