



# Age-friendly Communities Connectivity Grants Recipients 2024

Local Government or Organisation	Region	Project and Description
<b>Stream 1 – Funding to help local governments progress work to join the World Health Organisation's Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities</b>		
City of Mandurah	Peel	Funding is for the implementation of actions and initiatives to support the progression of a membership application to join the World Health Organisation's Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities.
City of Vincent	North Metropolitan	
<b>Stream 2 – Age-friendly projects and initiatives</b>		
Albany Community Care	Great Southern	<b>Senior Inclusion Network Great Southern Project (SIGNS)</b> The proposal will pilot a Social Prescribing model and includes a network of health professionals, community organisations, the City of Albany and marginalised older people. The proposal aims to reach isolated older people and facilitate their participation in new activities, experiences and groups for the first time, with the aim to increase uptake and successful memberships, habits, lifestyle choices, friendship and belonging.

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Association for Culturally Appropriate Services	Metropolitan	<p><b>Workshops to combat social isolation of CALD seniors (and carers) with cognitive impairment</b></p> <p>Project addresses social isolation of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) seniors with a focus on those experiencing dementia. Three innovative tools will be used. “Moving Pictures” and “Draw Care” developed by National Ageing Research Institute, and “Befriending with Genie” developed by Edith Cowan University SAGE Futures Lab. These tools will help participants to increase their awareness and knowledge of resources that can assist in responding to social isolation.</p>
City of Albany	Great Southern	<p><b>Albany Song Story Project</b></p> <p>A collaborative proposal with several key stakeholders, including seniors in residential care facilities, involved in capturing the memories, stories, and music of seniors with a strong intergenerational component. The project will showcase a series of performed concerts with music and songs associated with this work through community choirs, school choirs and orchestras.</p>
City of Bayswater	North East Metropolitan	<p><b>Workshop series – Health, Nutrition, Exercise, Gardening</b></p> <p>Series of workshops for seniors regarding health, nutrition, exercise and gardening based at two Community Centres. Support and collaboration with the Chung Wah Association will ensure participation from these communities.</p>
City of Stirling	North West Metropolitan	<p><b>Stirling Connect Pilot Project</b></p> <p>An innovative proposal to address transport needs of isolated seniors accessing a range of groups. The project will facilitate transport for up to 30 seniors weekly to attend groups of their choice such as Men’s and Women’s Sheds, craft groups, and other socially focused opportunities. Transport is identified as a key barrier for older people wishing to access social activities.</p>

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Ngaanyatjarra Media	Goldfields	<p><b>Tjilpi and Minyna Pampa Project</b></p> <p>Bi-weekly social gatherings for elders in a safe space with various activities (exercise, art, bush picnics), in the very remote Irrunytju community. The project provides opportunities for socially isolated elders to strengthen connections and cultural continuity.</p>
Serpentine Jarrahdale CRC	Peel	<p><b>Wise Up Program</b></p> <p>The project includes several programs for socially isolated seniors including Wise Women on Tools; Wise Guys in the Kitchen; Wise Ones and little Ones Activity Day; and Wise Carers Support Group.</p>
Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Kimberley	<p><b>My Kimberley Stories</b></p> <p>This pilot project will provide older residents across the Shire (workshops in Derby and Fitzroy Crossing) with opportunities to connect, share their stories and create a legacy for their community through storytelling. This will be facilitated through family history workshops, and community music and song writing workshops.</p>
Shire of Nannup	South West	<p><b>Oral History Project</b></p> <p>Capturing and recording a range of oral histories associated with seniors /elders in the Shire. The project will create an 8–12-minute visual documentary, complemented by a 20-episode podcast series. The project promotes social connection and the opportunity for elders to contribute meaningfully to their community, challenging ageism and assisting with cultural preservation.</p>
Shire of Perenjori	Mid West	<p><b>LIFE (Lifestyle, Independence, Fitness and Education)</b></p> <p>This project is a series of exercise and social opportunities for isolated seniors/elders. It offers an introduction to an active lifestyle, encouraging and maintaining independence, staying fit and education on staying healthy and strong. The program will be delivered in</p>

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		close collaboration with the Perenjori Police, Perenjori Blue Light and the local Community Resource Centre.
South West Compassionate Communities	South West	<p><b>Citizen Connect Workshops</b></p> <p>This pilot project will deliver eight workshops in the Bunbury-Geographe area together with Compassionate Cafes. The workshops will adopt a co-design approach with participants focusing on awareness of support and information needed as seniors age and will encourage the participation of vulnerable seniors. Participants will be encouraged to think about and develop their own caring networks to be supported when unwell, dying, caring and grieving.</p>
Southern Aboriginal Corporation	Great Southern South West Wheatbelt	<p><b>Workshops with Elder Abuse Conversations</b></p> <p>A series of workshops across the regions (Bunbury, Albany, Narrogin and Katanning), with Aboriginal elders furthering their awareness, and understanding of the complexities and prevalence of elder abuse. Workshops will offer a safe environment to participate in craft sessions to strengthen connections and provide community legal education in a culturally appropriate way.</p>
Umbrella Multicultural Services	South East Metropolitan	<p><b>Empowering Connections: Supporting Community Inclusion of older CALD and LGBTIQ+ volunteers</b></p> <p>This proposal aims to address barriers faced by CALD and LGBTIQ+ senior volunteers through support groups and enhancing community participation. The project is designed to confront ageism, alleviate loneliness, and enhance social connections with their local communities by offering inclusive and culturally sensitive engagement opportunities.</p>

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Unnabra Aboriginal Corporation	Goldfields	<b>Active in Autumn</b> The project will provide opportunities for isolated Seniors in Leonora to participate in a series of sessions focusing on exercise, social connection (gathering round campfire), singing and will include time for honouring contributions of seniors and their carers in the community.