

<b>7.1</b>	<b>LEEDERVILLE GARDENS TRUST - COVID-19 FUNDING - DERBARL YERRIGAN HEALTH SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION</b>
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**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council:**

1. **NOTES** the funding provided to Derbarl Yerrigan Health Services Aboriginal Corporation (Derbarl Yerrigan) under the Leederville Gardens Trust COVID-19 Relief Grant Funding program;
2. **APPROVES** the request from Derbarl Yerrigan to extend the end date of their Leederville Gardens Trust COVID-19 Grant Agreement from January 2021 to June 2021, to enable the remaining \$27,116 of unspent grant funding to be acquitted;
3. **NOTES** that the Executive Director, Community & Business Services will prepare and enter into a variation to the funding agreement for Derbarl Yerrigan; and
4. **NOTES** that Administration will provide a detailed report of the Leederville Gardens Trust COVID-19 Relief Grant Funding program, including measurable outcomes, to Council in August 2021.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To provide an update on the progress of the grant provided under the Leederville Gardens Trust COVID-19 Relief Funding program to Derbarl Yerrigan and to seek approval of a variation to the current grant agreement.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the Special Meeting of Council on 30 March 2020 it was resolved that Council:

1. *As trustee of the Leederville Gardens trust fund ENDORSES the allocation of up to \$1 million from those funds for the provision of urgent relief of people in need as a direct or indirect consequence of the conditions imposed by COVID-19;*
2. *INVITES Expressions of Interest from Registered Public Benevolent Institutions to be considered for funding under Recommendation 1 above; and*
3. *NOTES that the outcome of the expression of interest process in Recommendation 2 above will be presented to the City's COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Committee for consideration and approval.'*

Following this, administration invited suitable Public Benevolent Institutions (PBI's) to submit their Expression of Interest for funding under this program. Applications were assessed by Administration and funds approved to PBI's at the COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Committee meetings as per the below schedule:

Meeting Date	PBI	Amount
28 April 2020	St Vincent De Paul	\$200,000
28 April 2020	Uniting Care West	\$129,000
5 May 2020	RUAH Community Services	\$27,800
5 May 2020	People Who Care	\$105,000
12 May 2020	YMCA of WA	\$138,000
9 June 2020	Foodbank WA	\$178,476
30 June 2020	Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service	\$68,559

Agreements have been entered into for all organisations listed in the above schedule.

**DETAILS:**

Organisations delivering emergency relief and financial relief support have reported a slower than expected uptake in service, likely due to increased financial support measures at the Federal level.

Derbarl Yerrigan recently contacted Administration requesting an extension of time to enable them to use the remaining grant funds to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to people experiencing homeless and marginalised residents living in the City of Vincent. Derbarl Yerrigan have also requested this extension in order to provide emergency relief over the next few months to coincide with Centrelink payments reductions. The remaining funds would facilitate Derbarl Yerrigan's capacity to provide home visits and outreach support to Aboriginal people living in the City who are unable to otherwise access culturally appropriate health care.

The original intent of the COVID-19 Relief Funding program, as set out in the agenda paper presented on 30 March 2020 states:

*"The current COVID-19 pandemic has raised the potential of imminent hardship being experienced by many of our more disadvantaged and at-risk community members. This may place extra strain on the services and programmes currently provided by various not-for-profit, charitable or volunteer organisations and exacerbate areas of underserved demand."*

In considering this request, it is important to consider that the support provided by Derbarl Yerrigan provides a degree of support for persons who have the potential to experience imminent hardship, especially given the reduction in Centrelink payments set after 31 March 2021.

Derbarl Yerrigan's agreement was based on the following budget and outcomes. On reviewing the documentation provided by Derbarl Yerrigan in conjunction with the grant agreement, the reconciliation is noted

Description	Amount Funded	Amount Spent	Unspent funds
Health services and support (home visits and isolation support, influenza vaccinations, emergency relief support)	\$44,600	\$23,727	\$20,873
One-off capital expenditure (laptops, printer and software to support mobile workforce)	\$10,900	\$9,822	\$1,078
Administration	\$13,059	\$7,894	\$5,165
	<b>\$68,559</b>	<b>\$41,494</b>	<b>\$27,116</b>

Measurable Outcome		Demonstrated Outcome
1	Number of home visits or phone GP consults for vulnerable residents within 6 month period	123 phone consultations and/or home consults
2	Number of influenza vaccinations provided to vulnerable residents within 6 month period	321 influenza immunisations administered
3	Number of emergency relief vouchers or packages provided to Vincent residents/clients within 6 month period	71 episodes of emergency relief funding for vouchers, 120 care packs for the homeless, 10 swags for homelessness people.
4	Referrals made to other agencies (e.g. Emergency support, accommodation, other health service)	57 referrals to emergency support, accommodation.

A Derbarl Yerrigan doctor and Aboriginal Health Worker have worked with Elders and the community to identify patients requiring the most assistance over the past six (6) months. Home visits and phone consultations have occurred.

In addition, the Resource Liaison Officer and social worker, worked to identify those most at risk including patients who were experiencing homelessness. All Derbarl Yerrigan doctors also identified patients at risk, and who had health conditions which were exacerbated through lack of food, shelter or clothing.

**CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:**

Relevant programs have been promoted to residents and service providers to provide awareness of assistance available to residents.

**LEGAL/POLICY:**

Nil.

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Low: It is low risk for Council to extend the grant period until the end of the financial year.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

This is in keeping with the City's *Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028*:

Innovative and Accountable

*We are open and accountable to an engaged community.*

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

This is in keeping with the following key sustainability outcomes of the *City's Sustainable Environment Strategy 2019-2024*.

This does not contribute to any environmental sustainability outcomes.

While the funding provided to Derbarl Yerrigan through the Leederville Gardens Trust – COVID-19 Funding is environmentally neutral, other community funding provided by the City addresses funding for environmental projects/initiatives.

**PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS:**

This is in keeping with the following priority health outcomes of the City's *Public Health Plan 2020-2025*:

*Increased mental health and wellbeing*

**FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Funding has already been allocated to Derbarl Yerrigan and there are no further financial or budget implications. This request relates to an extension of time to deliver the program.

**COMMENTS:**

Administration will continue to monitor the progress of all COVID-19 Relief grants and provide updates to Council. It is recommended that Council approves the request from Derbarl Yerrigan for an extension to their grant agreement and instructs Administration to prepare a variation to the grant agreement.