

APPENDIX A: FUNDING APPLICATIONS

1) Talking My Language - Victorian Local Sustainability Accord Round 4

This application is based on the Darebin program but would enable us to work with additional CALD communities and engage other partners.

Darebin, Yarra, Maribyrnong and Greater Shepparton Councils will each engage one of their culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities to participate in the development and dissemination of culturally relevant and accessible action-based environmental information. The project will aim to engage a different CALD community in each of the municipalities. Saving energy and reducing energy bills in the home is the proposed priority theme, although this may change if engaged communities have a strong preference to tackle alternative environmental issues and it fits with the relevant Council's priorities. A face-to-face event that promotes energy saving action will also be planned with community input. \$125,400 requested from the fund with \$10,000 (within current budget) financial contribution from Darebin. The results of the Sustainability Accord are expected to be announced in early 2010.

2) Hands-on Sustainable Homes and Gardens - EcoLiving Grant Round 2

We have applied for a EcoLiving grant funded through the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) the project is called '**Hands-on Sustainable Homes and Gardens - make your home better and less expensive to maintain**'. A targeted behaviour change program delivered through the East Reservoir Neighbourhood House and the nearby Community Garden. It consists of hands-on workshops on saving energy and water and growing food including peer collaboration and use of props to empower residents to make changes in their own homes and to increase the capacity of the community to change. **We will target** members of the community who will find increased energy, water and food prices a disproportionate burden. Many homes in Reservoir have lawns that are difficult to maintain and provide potential for food growing in an area where access to fresh food is difficult.

Building on the *Sustainable Homes Program (SHP)* and *Greener Houses Greening Neighbourhoods (GHGN)*, we aim to further empower our community to adapt to Climate Change impacts with easy 'Do It Yourself' actions. We seek to increase community resilience, develop community leaders and engage our diverse communities including the socially and economically disadvantaged.

\$ 80,000 applied for from EcoLiving grants program and \$35,100 from Darebin Council. Results are expected to be announced prior to Christmas.

3) Sustainable Homes and Communities - Sustainability Fund Round 5

A joint application with the City of Banyule (the City of Whittlesea is currently reviewing their environmental programs and are not participating). This application is based on the recommended Option A outlined below. It includes a combination of an on-line sustainability challenge program supported by an extensive awards program, seminars, hands-on workshops and support for community leaders (resources, networking and capacity building) and will engage a broad cross section of the community in climate change and environmental action. Covering energy, water, waste, eating, transport and gardening, individuals and groups will be supported in making (and logging on-line) long-lasting sustainable changes.

\$72,000 per year has been sought from the Sustainability Fund with financial contributions of \$55,000 for Darebin and Banyule (as per the recommended funding to contribution ratio). Results are expected to be announced in April 2010 but this may be subject to change.