

Council Briefing - May 2020 Community Support Package (CSP)

SGSC Community Support Package

Proposed Implementation Action Plan – Phase 1 - \$740,614

1. Healthy

Address the social, mental and physical health impacts of isolation and restrictions on the community, including people experiencing vulnerability, through outreach and support programs

Activity	Stakeholders	Timeline	Cost	Cost Category	Measures/Outcome
Extend and make additional provision in the SGSC Rates and Hardship Policy	All residents	In Place	\$0	N/A – Policy change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible payments • Interest free deferrals
Provide the 2020 Commercial /Community Flu Vaccine Program 2020 free of charge	Local Business	May - Oct 2020	\$25,900	Fee waiver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu service at no cost • Reduce burden of cost of Flu Vaccinations • Promote good health and protection
Extend the minor Community Grants program to enable community groups to provide additional service to vulnerable communities or individuals	Community Groups SGSC Community Services MEMPC SPIN	June - Dec 2020	\$100,000	Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased alternative community-based providers for services such as community transport, emergency relief, social support • Increased accessibility to support services

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2. Connected

Develop and implement initiatives to improve communication, community connectedness, mutual support and social resilience through the Community Ecosystem and other engagement activities.

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Ensure rapid payment of Council suppliers and contractors	SGSC Finance Local Businesses	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invoices processed as quickly as possible Support improved business cashflows
Proactively seek to maintain and extend high-levels of local procurement	SGSC Finance Local Businesses	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively seek to engage with suppliers to procure locally Inject funds into the local economy Support local businesses
Waiver and/or reduction of fees and charges for various Council regulatory activities:	Local Business/ Residents SGSC Infrastructure SGSC Regulatory Services	Apr- Sep 2020 TBD	\$51,714 \$100,000	Rent Relief Reduced fees and permit income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce operating costs for individuals, community groups or businesses under financial stress Reduction of fees on selected non statutory fees impacting approx 100 people over 12mths
Waiver of fee increase for garbage charges related to the Victorian Government landfill levy	SGSC Finance SGSC Sustainability All residents	Jan 2021 – June 2021	\$150,000	Reduced fee income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce costs for individuals, community groups and businesses
Development and distribution of 2,000 Community Information brochures (printed and online) on Support Services available	All residents	May 2020 – Jun 2021	\$13,000	Marketing expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An informed community that know how to access key services and find support if needed

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3. Innovative:

Empower the South Gippsland business, community and cultural sectors to creatively respond to the impact of COVID19, and emerge with a strong foundation.

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Establish a Business Support Grants program to assist local businesses affected by COVID-19	SGSC Economic Development Local Business	Jun – Sep 2020	\$300,000	Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide immediate relief to local businesses who can demonstrate hardship • Provide short-term local stimulus and boost to the economy • Promote and support innovative ways businesses are adapting
Assess opportunities to accelerate Capital Works and Maintenance activities	SGSC Infrastructure	3 – 6 months	TBD	TBD (likely to be funded by other grants and council co-contribution)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help boost the economy and maintain jobs