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Williams Landing Neighbourhood Grants for 2010 Now Open!

Following the successful launch in 2009, community groups in Melbourne's West are once again encouraged to apply for the Cedar Woods Neighbourhood Grants Program – an initiative of the Williams Landing development located on the former RAAF Williams Airfield.

The Neighbourhood Grants Program will allocate a total of up to \$20,000 to community groups in grants of \$500, \$1,000 or \$2,000.

The grants are open to community groups that are not-for-profit organisations operating for more than 12 months and located within or servicing Hoppers Crossing, Point Cook, Seabrook, Altona Meadows, Truganina, Tarneit, Laverton, Werribee or Williams Landing.

Nathan Blackburne, State Manager of Cedar Woods Properties said the grants applications were now open.

"Community groups are integral to creating the new neighbourhood at Williams Landing, so we are keen to support them," said Mr Blackburne.

"Many groups work tirelessly to raise the funds they need. This is a way of rewarding them for their efforts and giving them a much needed boost."

"It is important to appreciate the work of community organisations that largely rely on the assistance of volunteers."

A committee of community leaders has been brought together to assist in reviewing applications and allocating funding. The committee will announce successful applicants in August 2010.

"It is essential that people assessing and allocating these grants know the local community," said Mr Blackburne.

"Cedar Woods has carefully selected each committee member based on their contribution and standing in the local community."

Williams Landing will incorporate a town centre, rail station and four residential neighbourhoods, with a total of 2500 homes. The project has 15 hectares of landscaped public open space, with walking paths and bike trails that link to the adjacent 24 kilometre Federation Bike Trail. The Victorian Government has recently approved funding for construction of the Palmers Road Freeway Interchange and Williams Landing rail station.

Submissions from community groups to Cedar Woods' Williams Landing Neighbourhood Grants program are now open and close 5pm, Friday 30th July 2010.

Information about the Neighbourhood Grants Program is available at www.williamslanding.com.au/community.asp and will be advertised in the local papers.

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