

# Media Release

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## GRANTS FOR LGBTIQ+ GROUPS TO GROW IN VICTORIA

The Allan Labor Government is backing Victoria's lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex, queer and asexual (LGBTIQ+) communities with grants to help organisations strengthen their work and grow.

Minister for Equality Harriet Shing has announced 16 recipients will receive a share of \$400,000 as part of the LGBTIQ+ Organisational Development Grants program for 2024.

The annual grants program established by the Labor Government in 2016 helps organisations and groups grow their capacity to support LGBTIQ+ communities across Victoria.

Close to a third of the projects supported through the grants program this year will be delivered in regional Victoria, with projects ranging from literary festivals to promoting LGBTIQ+ participation in sport and to those telling queer history.

A number of the grant recipients support marginalised LGBTIQ+ communities, including First Nations and multicultural communities, as well as LGBTIQ+ seniors, people with disability and young people.

Recipients include Our Point 3 Incorporated, which will use their funding to help LGBTIQ+ international students with podcast production and interview training that will enable them to share their stories.

Flat Out will use its funding to further develop and strengthen its work with trans and gender diverse people in the criminal justice system through its program, Beyond Bricks and Bars.

In Victoria, equality is not negotiable and the Labor Government is strengthening the LGBTIQ+ sector through a range of supports aligned with the *Pride in our future: Victoria's LGBTIQ+ strategy 2022-32*.

More than 100 LGBTIQ+ organisations have been supported by the Organisational Development Grants Program since 2016, enabling them to grow and develop the services and programs they offer to Victoria's LGBTIQ+ communities.

For a list of recipients visit [vic.gov.au/successful-recipients-LGBTIQ+-organisational-grants](https://vic.gov.au/successful-recipients-LGBTIQ+-organisational-grants).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Equality Harriet Shing

*"We're supporting LGBTIQ+ organisations and groups with these grants so they can deliver programs that will help to build safe, supportive and inclusive communities for LGBTIQ+ communities across the state."*

*"Our continued support for the LGBTIQ+ sector is embedded in Pride in our future, Victoria's first long-term plan for LGBTIQ+ equality, which is setting the agenda to 2032 to ensure all Victorians are safe, free and equal."*