## **Media Release**

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## GRANTS PROGRAM SUPPORTING COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY

The Allan Labor Government continues to make Victorian roads safer with the 2025 round of grants for organisations and community groups to develop and implement community-based road safety projects now open.

This year a total of \$600,000 through the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) grant will be awarded to recipients to help make roads in the community safer.

There are two categories including a Road Safety Support Grant of up to \$50,000 and Road Safety Collaboration Grant of up to \$150,000.

In 2024, six Victorian community groups and organisations received funding, sharing in \$350,000 to support local road safety projects.

Cultura Geelong received a \$132,999 Road Safety Collaboration Grant to identify knowledge gaps and develop recommendations for engaging and communicating with emerging multicultural communities on road safety.

Good Cycles received a \$50,000 Road Safety Support Grant to develop an education program to support an equitable e-bike program for residents of social and affordable housing developments.

These programs support the goals of the Government's Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030, which aims to halve deaths and reduce serious injuries on roads by 2030.

Applications for the 2025 TAC Road Safety Grant Program open on Monday, 17 February at 9am and will close on Wednesday, 2 April at 3pm. To find out more, visit: <a href="mailto:tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants">tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants</a>.

More than \$1.1 billion is being invested until 2028 in road safety initiatives by the Labor Government, as part of a newly launched Road Safety Action Plan 2 to help prevent serious crashes and keep Victorians safe.

## Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"We're supporting communities to identify road safety issues and find ways to make roads safer in their local areas."

"We continue to invest at record levels in road safety infrastructure that saves lives, reduces injuries, and prevents crashes before they happen."

## **Quotes attributable to Transport Accident Commission CEO Tracey Slatter**

"We know that community support is essential to creating a culture that prioritises road safety in Victoria."

"This program empowers community-based groups to identify and deliver road safety projects that cater to the specific needs and concerns of their communities."

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