

Media Release

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BACKING LGBTIQA+ ORGANISATIONS ACROSS VICTORIA

The Allan Labor Government is backing LGBTIQA+ organisations with funding to expand support and strengthen services now and into the years ahead.

Minister for Equality Vicki Ward today announced the 2024-25 Organisational Development Grants – encouraging LGBTIQA+ communities to apply for a share of \$400,000.

Established organisations and those with experience serving LGBTIQA+ communities can apply for up to \$40,000, while newer groups can apply for grants of up to \$20,000.

These grants are focused on creating equitable, inclusive and accessible services, in order to build safer, stronger and sustainable communities.

Previous recipients included Many Coloured Sky, which supports LGBTIQA+ refugees and asylum seekers and used funding to implement a comprehensive business plan and volunteer strategy.

Melbourne Bisexual Network used funding to merge two peak bodies representing Bi+ people to form Bi+ Pride Victoria.

Trans Space previously used funding to establish its organisation as a healthcare charity to better support Victoria's trans and gender diverse communities.

Our Point 3 Incorporated was funded to support LGBTIQA+ international students with projects such as podcast production and interview training.

Strengthening the LGBTIQA+ sector is part of the Labor Government's broader efforts to drive equality in Victoria, aligned with the *Pride in our future: Victoria's LGBTIQA+ strategy 2022-32*.

Since 2016, the program has helped more than 110 LGBTIQA+ organisations develop their operations and expertise. Applications close on Monday, 14 April. To apply, visit vic.gov.au/lgbtqa.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Equality Vicki Ward

"Equality is not negotiable in Victoria, and throughout a time of increased vilification, our organisations delivering positive change deserve support to not just continue their great work but improve their inclusive services."

"We know it's important to get behind these hard working LGBTIQA+ organisations to uplift their communities – and I encourage all eligible groups big and small to apply."