

Media Release

The Hon Martin Foley MP

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DELIVERING FOR VICTORIAN LGBTIQ+ ORGANISATIONS

Funding is now available for organisations and groups who serve Victoria's lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) communities to help them develop and plan for the future.

Minister for Equality Martin Foley today announced that the \$500,000 2021 *LGBTIQ+ Organisational Development Grants* are now open to help improve the services available to LGBTIQ communities.

LGBTIQ+ organisations and groups are able to apply for grants of up to \$50,000 to build their capacity, including staff development and training opportunities.

In addition, the grants will help organisations and groups plan for the future, including how they develop their strategic vision, plan for their financial sustainability and build their governance structures.

The grants will support organisations and groups to improve how they serve diverse LGBTIQ+ communities across Victoria, including people with disability and those living in regional and rural areas.

Grant applications are open until Wednesday, 14 April 2021, to apply or for more information visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/lgbtiq-organisational-development-grants>

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Equality Martin Foley

"Organisations and groups who support LGBTIQ+ Victorians make an incredible contribution to the wellbeing of these communities."

"Ensuring the viability of Victorian LGBTIQ+ organisations and groups is an important step as we work to drive equality for everyone in our community."

Quotes attributable to the Victorian Commissioner for LGBTIQ+ Communities Ro Allen

"It's great that Victoria's LGBTIQ+ organisations and groups are again being given the opportunity to build on their skills and sustainability, strengthening LGBTIQ+ communities across the state."

"I urge LGBTIQ+ organisations and groups, particularly those who have an idea for how their work can better reflect the diversity of our LGBTIQ+ communities, to apply for a grant."