

Media Release

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BACKING IN VICTORIA'S LGBTIQ+ COMMUNITIES

The creation of a new organisation for LGBTIQ+ Victorians with disability is one of a dozen projects being funded by the Victorian Government's to strengthen our LGBTIQ+ communities.

Minister for Equality Martin Foley today announced 12 LGBTIQ+ organisations and groups will be receiving grants of up to \$50,000 to grow their crucial work supporting and strengthening LGBTIQ+ Victorians.

The *LGBTIQ+ Organisational Development Grants* help organisations and groups assist more Victorians and help fund staff development and training opportunities.

Grants are also given to organisations and groups seeking to plan for the future or improve the ways they serve diverse LGBTIQ+ communities across Victoria.

Drummond Street Services will receive a grant to support the creation of Inclusive Rainbow Voices, an organisation which will provide a member-driven, representative voice for LGBTIQ+ Victorians with disability.

The Three For All Foundation will use its funding to provide training and mentoring opportunities to members of the Queer Refugee and Asylum Seeker Peer Group, empowering them to take on leadership roles and provide peer support to others.

AIS Support Group Australia will launch a website and online learning module for its Yellow Tick program, which aims to improve inclusion for people with an intersex variation through educational resources.

While Bisexual Alliance Victoria is also receiving a grant to develop its personnel, policies and governance, so it can expand its reach and create additional funding streams.

A third of the latest grant recipients are based in regional or rural areas.

Quote attributable to Minister for Equality Martin Foley

"It's great to be supporting these LGBTIQ+ organisations and groups so they can support and strengthen Victoria's diverse LGBTIQ+ communities."

"Victoria's LGBTIQ+ sector does incredible, life-saving work. By supporting diverse and intersectional groups such as these, we create a stronger LGBTIQ+ community sector."