

Media Release

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HELPING MORE VICTORIANS ACCESS COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

The Andrews Labor Government is ensuring nobody is left behind by addressing the barriers to getting vaccinated for vulnerable Victorians.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ros Spence today announced \$2.5 million for community programs that remove practical barriers to vaccination and support increased vaccine uptake as we move past 90 per cent of Victorians with a second dose.

It will fund practical support such as help to book a vaccination appointment or arranging childcare to enable parents to attend their appointments.

The program assists Victorians from vulnerable groups, such as people living with disability, young people, seniors, multicultural communities, social housing residents and victim survivors of family violence.

Funding is also available for programs to increase vaccination rates by addressing vaccine misinformation.

Eligible community organisations and neighbourhood houses are invited to apply for up to \$20,000 to deliver activities that make it as easy as possible for people to get vaccinated or reduce COVID-19 vaccine misinformation.

Applications for the Local Communities Access Grants Program will be assessed on a rolling basis until funding is exhausted.

For more information and to apply, visit vic.gov.au/local-community-access-grants-program.

Quote attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Youth Ros Spence

“Whether it’s providing childcare or addressing misinformation, this will help overcome the barriers some Victorians face to getting vaccinated.”

Quote attributable to Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers James Merlino

“We are ensuring vulnerable Victorians who are at higher risk from COVID-19 are supported to get vaccinated.”

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Martin Foley

“Victorians have done an amazing job getting vaccinated – this is about making sure those final few per cent of people are also protected as we open up.”