

# Media Release

**The Hon Richard Wynne MP**

Minister for Planning  
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## **STREAMLINING DELIVERY OF NEW HOMES AND JOBS FOR VICTORIA**

The Andrews Labor Government is providing new grants to local councils that will speed up the delivery of residential land – driving urban growth, jobs and development.

The Streamlining for Growth program is allocating more than \$3.2 million to local councils facing population growth pressures or land shortages. This year, the program was focused on projects that will support Victoria's economic recovery and address land supply shortages in regional Victoria and Melbourne's growth areas.

Councils in regional Victoria will receive \$2.18 million from this round of funding with 17 rural and regional councils receiving grants.

Colac Otway Shire will receive support to prepare a development plan for Deans Creek that will help meet Colac's population growth target. The plan will facilitate rezoning to create new residential zoned land and subdivisions.

The program will also support Golden Plains Shire Council to provide a clear direction for growth in the municipality for the next 15 years. The project will unlock 7,000 housing lots for a projected new community of 21,000 people in this region, that lies between the two rapidly growing regional cities of Geelong and Ballarat.

Mansfield Shire Council will also receive funding to implement the Mansfield Commercial and Industrial Land Use Strategy. This will unlock employment investment and address an industrial land shortage in this key region whose local economy is still recovering from the 2019-20 bushfires.

The Labor Government has confirmed funding for a seventh year of Streamlining for Growth in 2022-23. Applications for the next round of grants will open later in 2022.

For a full list of grant recipients visit: [vpa.vic.gov.au/streamlining-for-growth-program](https://vpa.vic.gov.au/streamlining-for-growth-program)

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Richard Wynne**

*"We know regional Victoria is facing land supply and affordability pressures, which is why two thirds of this year's funding was focused on the regions."*

*"The funding will help local councils with staffing or financial support to unblocking or fast-track strategic planning projects to deliver new homes and jobs faster."*

*"This program has a track record of delivering faster and more cost-effective permit-ready land for new homes and jobs across Victoria."*

## **Streamlining for Growth grant recipients**

### **Regional Victoria Stream**

- Colac Otway - Colac (Deans Creek) Growth Area Outline Development Plan - \$ 155,751
- Moyne - Implementation of Koroit Structure Plan - \$40,000
- Moorabool - Developing a Community Infrastructure and Open Space Framework for Greenfield Growth Planning - \$105,751
- Warrnambool - Allansford Strategic Framework Plan – Implementation - \$100,000
- Mount Alexander - Castlemaine, Campbells Creek and Chewton Housing and Neighbourhood Character Strategy - \$200,000
- Mansfield - Implementation of the Mansfield Commercial and Industrial Land Use Strategy - \$53,250
- Corangamite - Camperdown Production Precinct and Servicing Master Plan - \$90,751
- Central Goldfields - Land Use Framework Plan for Maryborough North and East, Flagstaff and Carisbrook - \$50,000
- Glenelg - Implementation of the Portland Strategic Framework Plan, Portland Rural Living Assessment, and Rural Land Strategy - \$50,000
- Wangaratta - Rural City of Wangaratta - Planning for future growth and unlocking industrial development opportunities - \$80,271
- Horsham - Horsham City Urban Renewal - \$70,000
- Moira - Numurkah Drainage Strategy- \$50,000
- Surf Coast - Surf Coast Settlement Strategy 2022 - \$71,901
- Golden Plains - Golden Plains Settlement Strategy - \$315,751
- Strathbogie - Industrial PSP for Nagambie - \$105,751
- Warrnambool - Bushfield-Woodford Strategic Framework Plan - \$100,000

### **Better Regulation and Streamlined Processes Stream**

- Geelong - Northern and Western Geelong Growth Areas - biodiversity funding framework - \$215,000
- Geelong - Innovation delivery in Northern and Western Geelong Growth Areas - \$120,200
- Mitchell - Regional Services and Infrastructure Planning Model – Phase 2 – Pilot & Co-Design - \$105,751

### **Metropolitan Melbourne Stream**

- Casey - Narre Warren Village Growth and Investment Attraction - \$186,000
- Casey - Community and Recreation Infrastructure Works in Kind Assessment Framework - \$49,975
- Moonee Valley - Developing Neighbourhood Plans to streamline growth towards neighbourhood centres and improve Moonee Valley's health and liveability through the creation of 13 20-minute neighbourhoods - \$190,000

### **Better Regulation and Streamlined Processes Stream**

- Whittlesea - Streamlining Heritage Protection in the Growth Areas - \$211,000
- Whittlesea - Internal Referral Partner Digital Enhancements - \$197,000
- Casey – Green Streets 2.0 - \$50,000
- Whittlesea - Developer Funded Fee for Service Model (MOU) - \$30,000
- Cardinia - Enhancements to existing 'Street Register' application - \$120,000
- Hobsons Bay - Altona North Development Contributions Plan Governance Framework - \$65,000