

# Media Release

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## LEADING THE NATION WITH FAMILY VIOLENCE RESEARCH GRANTS

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering nation leading research to improve responses for people who experience family violence and sexual assault and improve interventions for people who use violence.

Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Gabrielle Williams today announced \$2.2 million for the opening of the Family Violence Research Program Grants, to continue building the evidence for best practice family violence interventions and support.

The grants will address evidence gaps in prevention, early intervention and responses to family violence and sexual assault. This research will support service improvement and innovation across the family violence sector and create long-lasting change for both victim survivors and those who use violence.

Research projects will focus on important topics such as supporting recovery from violence for children and young people, addressing barriers to accessing family violence support for Aboriginal people and enhancing strategies for engaging perpetrators and people who use violence.

The Research Program grants support the delivery of the Victorian Government's Family Violence Research Agenda 2021-24 – which ensures that research is embedded as part of Victoria's landmark family violence reform.

Victoria is leading the nation with its work to end all forms of gendered violence, with more than \$3.5 billion invested since the world-first Royal Commission into Family Violence – more than every other state combined, and more than the Commonwealth.

Applications for the Research Program grants are open until 22 April 2022. For more information, visit [www.vic.gov.au/family-violence-research-grants-program](http://www.vic.gov.au/family-violence-research-grants-program)

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Gabrielle Williams

*“Each person’s experience of family violence is different – this research will support our understanding of the factors that contribute to family violence, and the diverse ways an individual might need help.”*

*“By working with universities, industry and sector to build the evidence of what works, we will be able to deliver better services to all Victorians affected by family violence.”*

*“Funding a robust evidence base is critical to delivering effective and sustainable family violence system reform - it tells us what is working, what needs to be adjusted, and where to focus our efforts.”*