

Media Release

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES

The Andrews Labor Government is now accepting applications for a new round of grants to help community groups address road safety issues in their local areas.

The Transport Accident Commission Community Road Safety Grant Program provides grants of up to \$30,000 to not-for-profit groups, schools and other community organisations to develop and implement road safety projects.

The program comprises of two rounds per year and encourages groups to work closely with their local communities to develop solutions to address road safety issues, on projects that align with the *Victorian Road Safety Strategy (2021-2030)*.

Communities often have unique road safety needs, and local groups can be well-placed to identify these specific problems and implement solutions.

As the year has progressed, authorities have become increasingly concerned with the upward trend in vulnerable road user fatalities.

So far this year, 36 pedestrians have lost their lives on Victorian roads, up from 20 at this time in 2021 – this figure is also considerably higher than the five-year average of 26.

In order to address this issue, the program will prioritise projects that focus on protecting vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists.

An initial round of funding in April this year went towards a range of initiatives, including additional road safety signage around local schools, and the further development of local transport strategies.

Applications for the second round of the 2022 TAC Community Road Safety Grant Program open today (10 October), and close on 9 November.

Program guidelines and information on how to apply can be found at tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/community-road-safety-grant-program

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

“Only Labor is doing what matters and that includes protecting those most vulnerable on our roads through programs such as this – encouraging community organisations to look at ways to improve road safety at a grassroots level.”

“The TAC Community Road Safety Grant Program provides an opportunity for groups and organisations to implement positive changes and address specific road safety issues affecting their communities.”

Quote attributable to Transport Accident Commission CEO Joe Calafiore

“The number of people dying on our roads is unacceptable, and the TAC is committed to working with local communities through initiatives like our Community Road Safety Grants Program to help reduce road trauma.”

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