

Media Release

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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY GRANTS

The Andrews Labor Government is giving more community groups across Victoria the chance to receive grants to address local road safety issues.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne visited the Migrant Resource Centre North West Region in St Albans to encourage groups to apply for the funding as part of the \$1.5 million Community Road Safety Grants Program 2023/24.

The program gives not-for-profit organisations, councils and schools the opportunity to work closely with locals to identify road safety issues in their area and implement solutions, by coming up with a project to overcome them.

The Migrant Resource Centre North West Region was one of 90 organisations to receive funding under the Community Road Safety Grants Program last year, using the funding to run the Road Safety For New Arrivals project.

The project supports newly arrived migrants and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to increase their road safety knowledge, awareness and skills.

Together, the 90 organisations delivered more than 230 road safety projects across the state.

The projects support the Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030, which aims to halve road deaths and reduce serious injuries by 2030 and sets the state on a path to zero road deaths by 2050.

Applications for the Community Road Safety Grants Program 2023/24 are now open and close on 15 March.

The program will enable groups to deliver vital education sessions around the safety of all road users, including cyclists and pedestrians, as well as roadside signage and road safety innovation.

For more information including how to apply visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/community-road-safety-grants-program.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"Too many tragedies happen on our roads, and we need everyone to play their part in keeping our roads safe. I encourage all community groups who want to make a difference and improve safety to apply for this funding."

"This program gives locals the opportunity to address the road safety issues that matter most in their area and develop solutions that will boost safety on our roads and help save lives."

Quote attributable to Member for St Albans Natalie Suleyman

"Locals know their area best – this grants program is a chance for the community to have their say on making our roads safer – and we encourage more groups to apply."