

# Media Release

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## SUPPORTING DISABILITY SELF-HELP GROUPS

Dedicated groups that improve the lives of people living with disability and their families are being supported by the Victorian Government to continue their critical work.

Applications are open for a new round of Disability Self-Help Grants, supporting groups to strengthen their work to provide social, emotional and practical support to people with disability and their families or carers.

A total of more than \$265,000 is available over two years, for grants of up to \$7000 per year for up to two years.

The grants can support groups to meet the costs of general expenses, running costs and minor works and equipment. The latest round of grants are also available for use in new ways, including providing activities that celebrate pride and recognition and paying for guest speakers at events for their members.

Self-help groups bring people with disability and their families together to share insights, provide information, promote community participation and support networking.

The grants are open to all Victorian-based disability self-help groups, with a focus in this round of funding on groups supporting First Nations people, young people, women and girls, people from multiculturally diverse backgrounds, autistic and neurodiverse people and people who identify as LGBTQITA+, as well as those providing support to regional and rural members.

Further information about the grants can be found at [providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/disability-self-help-grants-program](https://providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/disability-self-help-grants-program)

Applications close on 14 December.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Disability Lizzie Blandthorn

*“This investment will support disability self-help groups, where people can share their experiences and offer each other support and information.”*

*“This is just one way we are supporting people with disability to participate in all aspects of our community and helping to build an inclusive Victoria for all.”*