

Media Release

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NEW FUNDING FOR VICTRACK COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Allan Labor Government is supporting 67 not-for-profit groups that lease rail land, buildings and other assets from VicTrack through a new Community Grants Program.

Minister for Active and Public Transport Gabrielle Williams today announced the successful applicants will share more than \$500,000 in funding to help with small projects and maintenance across Victoria.

The Community Grants Program was launched to support groups with managing their community spaces, which include public open spaces, art galleries, museums, libraries, creative spaces, and community hubs.

The community groups applied for grants of up to \$10,000 – which will help to meet regulatory obligations relating to safety or environmental management, and restorations or refurbishments to their buildings or land.

Applications were assessed by a VicTrack panel, and the grants will be released to successful applicants early next year.

VicTrack makes underused land and buildings available to community organisations through its community leasing program. It charges groups an affordable rent, which is significantly reduced compared to a commercial rental rate.

For more information visit victrack.com.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

“This funding will make a huge difference to the many groups that lease VicTrack land and buildings across the state and will help them to continue to support their communities.”

“I would like to thank everyone who has a community lease with VicTrack for the work they do to preserve our state’s rail history, and to manage buildings and land so they can be used to benefit local communities.”