

Media Release

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BACKING LGBTIQA+ GROUPS TO GROW ACROSS VICTORIA

The Allan Labor Government is backing LGBTIQA+ organisations across Victoria to grow and strengthen their work, enabling them to better support their communities.

Minister for Equality Vicki Ward today announced 17 recipients will receive a share of more than \$400,000 through this year's LGBTIQA+ Organisational Development Grants program.

The annual grants program established by the Labor Government in 2016 helps organisations and groups further develop their capacity to support LGBTIQA+ communities across Victoria.

This year's recipients include organisations working with trans and gender diverse Victorians, LGBTIQA+ First Nations people, people with disability and multicultural communities.

Mallee Family Care will use the funding to improve how community services are provided to LGBTIQA+ Victorians across the Mildura region.

Let's Talk About X will use funding to build a community engagement strategy to support expansion of their inclusive consent education into regional areas.

Arts organisations such as Melbourne Queer Film Festival, Tilde: Melbourne Trans and Gender Diverse Film Festival, Divisi and Joel Bray Dance will use their funding to improve their strategic directions, community engagement, financial sustainability and accessibility.

In Victoria, equality is not negotiable and the Labor Government is supporting the LGBTIQA+ sector through a range of supports aligned with the Pride in our future: Victoria's LGBTIQA+ strategy 2022-32.

The Organisational Development Grants Program has helped more than 110 LGBTIQA+ groups since it first began – enabling them to grow and develop the services and programs they offer to Victorians.

For a full list of recipients, visit vic.gov.au/lgbtqa-organisational-development-grants.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Equality Vicki Ward

"Every Victorian deserves to feel safe, respected and celebrated – no matter who they are or whom they love. We're backing incredible organisations supporting the LGBTIQA+ community to grow stronger, to be more sustainable and better connected."

"Victoria leads the way when it comes to supporting equality, and these grants are about making sure every Victorian can access inclusive services and feel supported – no matter where they live."