

Media Release

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MORE TIME TO APPLY FOR A TINY TOWNS GRANT

The Allan Labor Government is giving Victoria's smallest towns an extra month to apply for a *Tiny Towns Fund* grant, offering regional communities more time to apply for support to help improve their towns.

Minister for Regional Development Jaclyn Symes today announced that applications for Round 3 of the \$20 million *Tiny Towns Fund* have been extended by four weeks and will now close at 4pm on Wednesday 4 March.

Grants of between \$5,000 and \$50,000 are available to towns with fewer than 5,000 people for projects that provide more opportunities to connect, attract visitors, improve facilities and deliver infrastructure upgrades.

The application extension is part of the Allan Labor Government's broader response to support communities impacted by bushfires and floods.

The Australian and Victorian Governments have announced more than \$100 million in recovery payments, grants and initiatives. To learn more about emergency recovery support, visit www.vic.gov.au.

The *Tiny Towns Fund* is a part of our record \$47 billion investment over the past decade in projects and programs that support regional and rural Victoria.

Applications for a *Tiny Towns Fund* grant can be submitted at rdv.vic.gov.au/tiny-towns-fund.

Quote attributable to Minister for Regional Development Jaclyn Symes

"These past weeks have seen great heartbreak and destruction across our regions, so we're extending the Tiny Towns funding application period to give regional communities more time to finalise their applications."

Quote attributable to Minister for Development Victoria and Precincts Harriet Shing

"The Tiny Towns program is all about helping families and communities to connect by creating facilities and spaces that encourage pride in place."