

# Media Release

**The Hon Vicki Ward MP**  
Minister for Emergency Services  
Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery  
Minister for Equality



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## BACKING LGBTIQA+ ORGANISATIONS IN VICTORIA

Labor is backing Victoria's LGBTIQA+ communities with new funding to strengthen organisations, grow capability and boost their capacity.

Minister Ward today announced the 2025-26 LGBTIQA+ Organisational Development Grants round is open, encouraging organisations across the state to apply for a share of \$400,000.

Established organisations can apply for up to \$40,000, and newer organisations can apply for grants of up to \$20,000.

The grants focus on creating equitable, inclusive and accessible services and building stronger and more sustainable LGBTIQA+ communities.

Previous recipients include Mallee Family Care who used funding to improve how community services are provided to LGBTIQA+ Victorians across the Mildura region.

Joel Bray Dance developed a strategic marketing strategy to better understand community needs and boost engagement with First Nations LGBTIQA+ communities.

Let's Talk About X Pty Ltd delivered their 'Branching Out: Regional Engagement Project', a targeted community strategy expanding the organisation's reach into regional Victoria.

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

The grants program has helped more than 110 organisations develop their operations and expertise to work with LGBTIQA+ communities.

Applications close on Tuesday 31 March at 5pm. For more information and to apply, visit [vic.gov.au/lgbtqa-organisational-development-grants](https://vic.gov.au/lgbtqa-organisational-development-grants).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Equality Vicki Ward

*"Under Labor, equality is not negotiable. Families are focused on building their future and we're supporting organisations to deliver services when and where they're needed most."*

*"We'll always back LGBTIQA+ organisations to strengthen and uplift communities across the state, and I encourage all eligible groups to apply."*