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Funding boost for natural disaster resilience in Victoria

Victoria's resilience to natural disasters will be boosted by \$9.1 million in joint Commonwealth and Victorian Government funding.

Minister for Law Enforcement and Cyber Security Angus Taylor, who has responsibility for Commonwealth disaster assistance, said the funding is part of the jointly funded Commonwealth-State National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Natural Disaster Resilience.

"This agreement allows Victoria to continue to support communities to better minimise the impacts of natural disasters," Mr Taylor said.

"It also recognises the vital role of emergency management volunteers by providing funding to ensure ongoing training and support is available."

Victorian Minister for Emergency Services James Merlino said \$5.8 million will go towards a range of Emergency Management Victoria preparedness, recovery and resilience projects.

"The remaining \$3.3 million targets flood planning and mitigation projects through the Natural Disaster Resilience Grants Scheme with grants of up to \$250,000 available," Mr Merlino said.

"These important programs are led by Victorian agencies, local councils, non-government organisations, volunteer organisations and researchers who help communities to prepare for and respond to natural disasters."

Applications are welcomed from Victorian state government departments and agencies, including flood-plain management authorities, municipal councils, volunteer and other non-government emergency service organisations, and research institutions.

Applicants are required to contribute one-third of the total project costs either in cash or in kind.

Applications for the Natural Disaster Resilience Grants Scheme are now open, further information can be found at: <https://www.emv.vic.gov.au>

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